

Brixton Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2030

Community Day Report



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Key Findings

- **1.1** The Brixton Neighbourhood Development Plan steering group undertook a community survey in the spring of 2016. To follow this up a community consultation day was organised to highlight the key findings from the community survey and provide further opportunity for the community to engage in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **1.2** The key findings from the community survey have been reproduced here as the community day provides further evidence to support these.

	Theme	Further Evidence
En	vironment	
Α.	The natural environment is important to residents and should be conserved as much as possible.	Figure 5 Figure 7 Paragraph 3.11 Paragraph 3.21 Paragraph 3.27 Paragraph 3.29
	Those who manage the land have an important role to play in conserving the natural environment and should be encouraged to do so.	Paragraph 3.13
C.	Development should not be encouraged on greenfield sites.	Figure 5 Figure 7 Paragraph 3.16 Paragraph 3.21 Paragraph 3.29
D.	There is interest in developing a community led renewable energy project.	No further evidence
E.	The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation is important to residents.	Figure 5 Figure 7 Paragraph 3.11 Paragraph 3.21 Paragraph 3.23
Lei	sure Activities and Transport	
F.	Walking is a popular leisure activity and residents are keen for existing pathways to be better maintained.	Paragraph 3.11 Paragraph 3.13
G.	Residents would like a public swimming pool within the parish	Paragraph 3.23
H.	Cycling is a popular leisure activity. More people would be encouraged to cycle for leisure, shopping, transport to work, etc. if it were safer.	Paragraph 3.14 Paragraph 3.20 Paragraph 3.23 Paragraph 3.29

En	ployment and Economy	
Ι.	Residents would like to encourage more agricultural, horticultural and aquaculture employment within the parish – although these aren't currently large employers.	No further evidence
J.	Transport is seen as the key quality that would encourage new businesses to move to the parish.	Paragraph 3.20 Paragraph 3.25
K.	Residents thought it was important to be able to shop for food and everyday items within the parish.	No further evidence
Ho	using	
L.	People are currently leaving the parish primarily due to housing reasons.	No further evidence
М.	Any further housing development should be small scale, sensitively designed and infill within the existing development boundary.	Figure 7 Paragraph 3.22 Paragraph 3.29

- **1.3** None of the evidence collected from the community day contradicted what had already been established through the community survey. In many instances it confirmed the survey's findings and strengthened the evidence to support it.
- **1.4** No significant new themes emerged from the community consultation day. However further engagement with employers may be necessary to strengthen the evidence regarding future economic development.
- **1.5** In addition, whilst most were not in favour of any further housing development in the parish due to the Sherford development, there were a number of responses interested in small scale, affordable or self-build housing, which may be something the steering group would like to investigate further.

Introduction

2.1 Brixton Parish Council is developing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The creation of a Neighbourhood Plan requires that everybody within the area has opportunity to engage with the process. To support Brixton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with this process, they engaged the services of Catalyst.

Catalyst and Devon Communities Together

2.2 Catalyst is the in-house consultancy service provided by Devon Communities Together. Catalyst and Devon Communities Together have provided support to over 50 Town and Parish Councils, and neighbourhood plan steering groups working on Neighbourhood Plans across Devon.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

- 2.3 Neighbourhood planning is part of the Government's agenda to help local communities play a stronger role in the shaping of their area. For the first time, local people can create a plan that allows them to develop planning policies that reflect the priorities of their area and have real legal weight. The whole community then decides at a referendum whether the local authority should bring the plan into force. Neighbourhood Plans must focus on guiding development rather than stopping it and need to be in general conformity with national policy and local planning policies.
- 2.4 Further information about Neighbourhood Planning can be found on the following websites:

Make a plan, make a difference: <u>http://www.neighbourhoodplanning.org/</u>

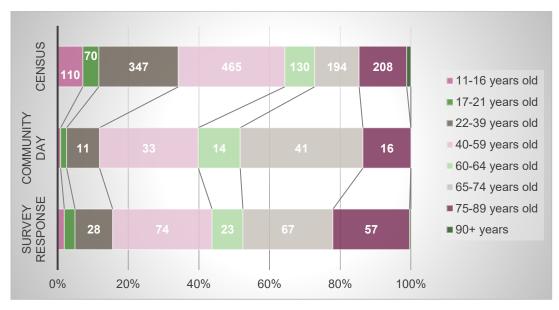
Methodology

- 2.5 A community survey had already been undertaken within the parish which had highlighted some key areas that the Brixton Neighbourhood Development Plan should focus on. As part of the community consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan a follow up consultation day was planned. The community day had four key aims:
 - 1. Highlight the key findings from the community questionnaire and better understand the community's priorities.
 - 2. Ensure young people and families engage in the neighbourhood plan process and have opportunity to express their views.
 - 3. Understand if, and where, affordable housing might be acceptable within the parish.
 - 4. Better understand what current employment opportunities exist within the parish and what employers might need.
- 2.6 To encourage a high turnout, the day was widely publicised throughout the parish, and on the community survey that was delivered to every household within the parish. Additional activities were planned throughout the day to provide a more carnival atmosphere rather than a dry consultation. A BBQ was arranged, tea, coffee and cake **provided by the Women's Institute, bouncy castle and children's** activities, and guided walks around the village showing how it had developed over time.
- 2.7 To ensure the four aims were met specific engagement activities were organised for the day.

- 2.8 The key findings from the community questionnaire were displayed on large sheets. People attending the event were given three sticky dots and asked to place them on the key findings to identify the key priorities for the community.
- 2.9 For residents who want to better understand where the key findings came from, copies of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire report were available for them to read and see the evidence that the questionnaire provides.
- 2.10 Young people and families were under-represented in the questionnaire responses. Therefore the community day was an opportunity to try and engage this demographic and ensure their views are considered within the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 2.11 Primary School children were asked to draw or write on paper vests and pants what they like about the area and what they **don't. These were** added to a string to create a washing line throughout the day.
- 2.12 To engage Secondary School aged children there was a 'wall' on to which young people could stick paper 'bricks'. The wall had different areas for things young people: like about the area, don't like, what is needed and what they don't want.
- 2.13 From the community questionnaire there was some support for a small scale housing development of affordable rent or shared ownership properties within the parish if there is a need. It was therefore necessary to understand if residents would like a small scale development within the parish and if so where, or if those in housing need should be accommodated within Sherford.
- 2.14 To do this there was a large map of the parish and selection of post-it notes for people to write their comments about housing on and where it might be located within the parish.
- 2.15 To better understand what employers and residents require regarding employment within the parish an opportunity was provided for both to respond.
- 2.16 For employers and those self-employed there was a simple, double-sided A4 questionnaire for them to fill out.
- 2.17 For those looking for employment within the parish, which from the survey is surprisingly high, there was a simple visual survey asking what type of employment, full-time or part-time hours etc. people were looking for.

Feedback

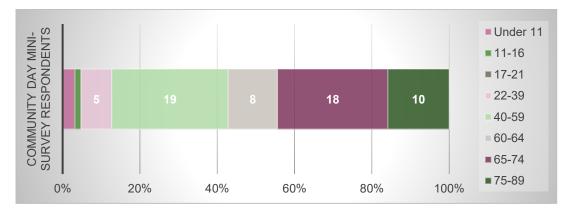
3.1 From feedback at the welcome desk the age range of those that attended is presented below and compared to the demographic data and survey response data:





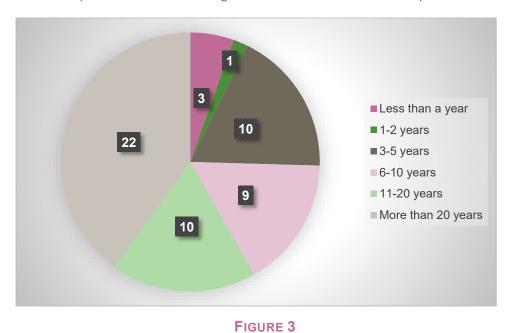
Mini-Survey

3.2 At the community day a mini-survey was undertaken.



3.3 The age profile of those completing the mini-survey was:

FIGURE 2



3.4 The next question asked how long the individual had lived in the parish:



3.5 The next question asked where people had moved from:

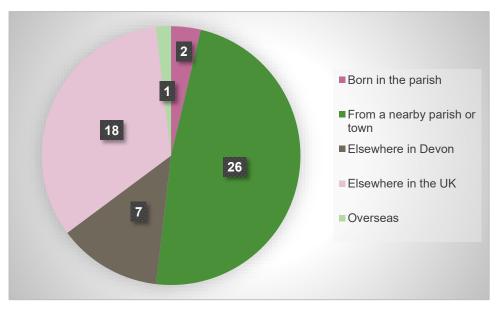
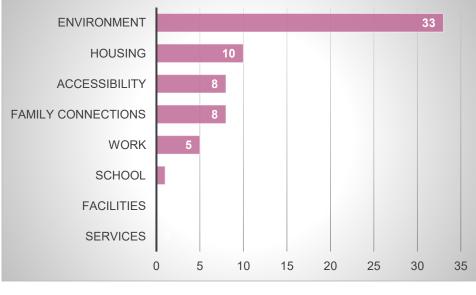


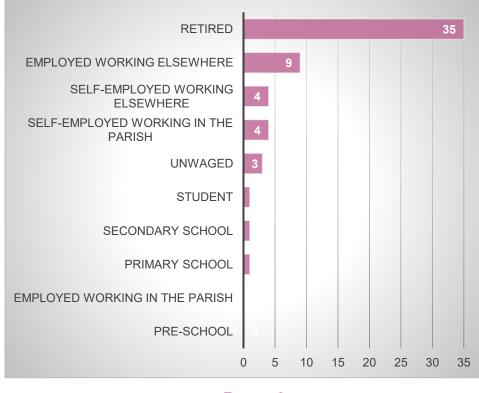
FIGURE 4

3.6 Respondents were then asked why they choose to live in the parish:





3.7 Finally the mini-survey asked about what people did:





3.8 As a part of the community day there was also an employer's survey for employers and those self-employed within the parish. Only one was completed on the day and the results are included in Appendix A.

3.9 The earlier community survey had provided some key themes that the Neighbourhood Plan would need to consider. To help refine this list the key themes were presented to attendees on the community day they were invited to pick the three that were the most important to them.

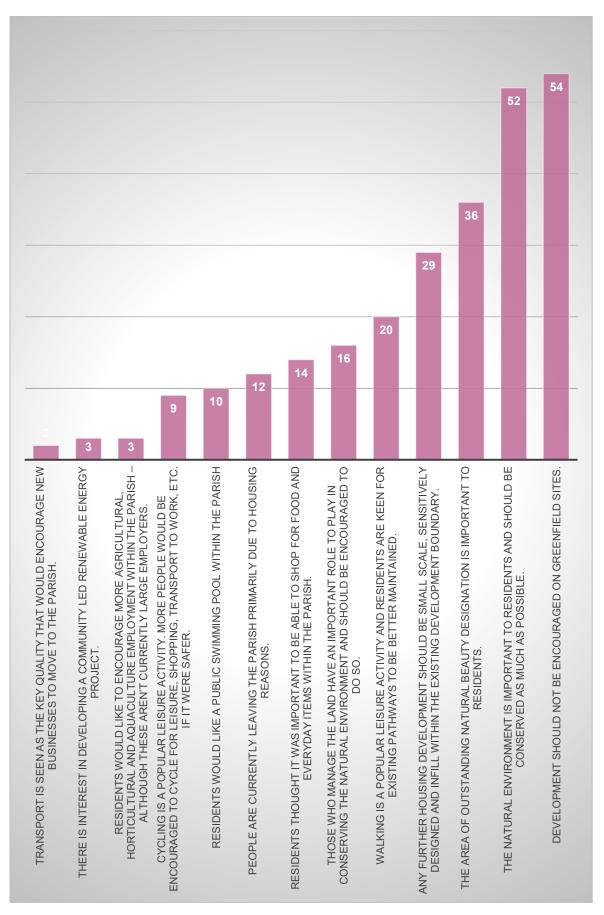


FIGURE 7

3.10 As part of the community day a series of headings were displayed around the venue and attendees asked to add comments under these headings. The comments are summarised below, and the full comments are included in Appendix B.

What I like about living here?

- 3.11 Almost all the comments related to the natural environment, and activities such as walking which made good use of the surrounding countryside.
- 3.12 The other common theme was the sense of community and neighbourliness, which comes from being a small community.

What's not so good about the parish is....

- 3.13 Responses to this heading were much broader. The most common themes were:
 - Weeding and state of the footpaths
 - Parking and traffic related problems
 - The Sherford development
 - The need for a village hall

What we want is...

- 3.14 Again there were a broad range of subjects mentioned. The most common related to traffic calming and increased pedestrian safety.
- 3.15 There were also several comments wanting no more housing development.

What don't want is...

3.16 The main theme that emerges in response to this heading is that the community do not want further housing development or to lose green spaces.

Map Comments

- 3.17 Around the venue were a series of maps of the parish, with a variety of headings:
 - Employment
 - Community Facilities
 - Sport and Recreation
 - Future Development
 - Environment
 - Transport
- 3.18 Attendees were invited and to write on post-it notes their views and ideas under the different headings and attach them to the map. They could be general comments or relate to specific area where the post-it was attached to.
- 3.19 A complete set of high resolution maps has been shared with the steering group, where each comment can be read. The maps are also included in Appendix C, although not all comments are completely legible within this document. Below is a summary of the key points emerging under each heading,
- 3.20 Transport:

- Traffic calming was mentioned numerous time, particularly along Red Lion Hill
- Create more parking within the centre of the village near the pub and shop
- Improve bus links with Plymouth, in particular a Sunday service
- 3.21 Environment:
 - Protect the AONB specifically and 'green' areas more generally
 - Some would like a green-corridor connecting the village and Sherford community park. However others commented they did not want the village and Sherford connected.
- 3.22 Future Development:
 - The majority of respondents suggest no more development is needed or questioned if any is needed in the light of the Sherford.
 - There is however some support of further development, as long as it is:
 - o Small scale (no more than 5 dwellings together)
 - o Small homes (no more than 3 bedrooms)
 - o Support for affordable homes or interest in self-build homes
- 3.23 Sport and Recreation:

This topic had the broadest range of responses, the most common being:

- No development within the AONB
- Use of the old railway line to create a cycle link with Yealmpton
- Encourage the school to open the swimming pool to community use
- Extend the football field for more community use or other sports
- 3.24 Community Facilities:

Most comments under this heading were about no more development.

- Preserving the allotments
- Maintain and make better use of the Scout Hut and Village Hall
- 3.25 Employment:
 - Any employment development should be on the western, Plymouth, side of the village, on brownfield sites
 - Better transport links and a car park in the village centre would support greater employment within the parish

Young People

- 3.26 Following the community survey the steering group were keen to hear more from young people within the community. Therefore there were a number of engagement activities designed specifically for primary and secondary school aged young people.
- 3.27 Primary aged children were invited to write or draw on pants things they thought were not good about the parish, and vests things that were good or that they would like to see. These were then hung up to create a 'washing-line'. No pants were used, all the comments below were on vests:
 - I like where I live because it's surrounded by trees and near a park
 - [Picture of a tree]
 - I like playing on the computer and the iPad
 - I like school my favourite subject is maths
 - [Picture of landscape, beach and sea]
 - The Fox House Inn, fun + dance, school friends
 - [Picture of playing in water]
 - [Picture of walking the dog]

- Really like coming to the school at weekends to play on the equipment
- [Pictures of Fish and Chip shop, school and skateboarding]
- I like playing on the computer and playing football. I play locally and at Devonport, I don't mind playing out of town.
- 3.28 For secondary school children there was a wall on which they could draw or write **'bricks'. These were categorised as:**

What is good about living here? What is not so good? What we need is: What we don't want:

The full list of responses is included within Appendix D.

3.29 In summary, most of the good things about living within the parish relate to the natural environment and sense of community. The not so good comments suggest the school building could be updated, the amount of traffic and the lack of soft play area. Most **young people's suggestions for what is needed relate to activities for young people,** many and varied suggestions are provided. Finally what they **don't want is lots of** housing.

Conclusion

4.1 In light of the aims for the community day, the following conclusions can be drawn.

"Highlight the key findings from the community questionnaire and better understand the community's priorities."

4.2 The majority of the key findings from the community survey gained further supporting evidence through the community day. No significant additional aims were identified.

"Ensure young people and families engage in the neighbourhood plan process and have opportunity to express their views."

4.3 The age profile of those attending the community day was older than that of responses to the community survey. Despite the steering groups hard work to create opportunities for young people and families to engage in the process the majority seem to have chosen not to.

"Understand if, and where, affordable housing might be acceptable within the parish."

4.4 The majority of residents do not wish to see any further development within the parish due to the significant Sherford development. However, if any further development were to be considered it should be to address affordable housing need, or on a self-build basis and be small scale.

"Better understand what current employment opportunities exist within the parish and what employers might need."

4.5 Only one employment survey was completed as part of the community day. The steering group may therefore wish to do some more specific further consultation to ensure those working within the parish have opportunity to engage in the neighbourhood planning process.

Appendix A

Brixton Parish Business Survey Date: 16 7 116 1. Business Name and Address: BRIXTON FRC SHOP, HORN LANE, PL82APS 2. Name: 3. Position: PA-LODONSK1 HISH FRIER DEGBIE OWNER. 4. Business type: [4] Accommodation or food services [] Human health and social work activities [] Agriculture, forestry, fishing [] Information and communication [] Animal care and welfare [] Manufacturing [] Art, entertainment and recreation [] Mining and quarrying [] Business administration and support services [] Motor trades and services [] Professional, scientific and technical [] Construction [] Distribution and warehousing [] Property [] Education [] Retail [] Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning [] Tourism [] Finance and insurance [] Wholesale [] Horticulture/nursery [] Other, please specify: 5. How many people do you currently employ? [] 35 or more hours a week []] Under 35-hours a week [2] Seasonal employees 6. How many of these employees live within the Parish? 2 7. How long has the business been located in the Parish? 60 Years Months 8. Does your business own or lease your current premisses? (If it has one) [] Own [] Lease/rent 9. Approximately, how many square-feet or square-metres is the premises? square-feet δġ square-metres or 10. Do you think the Parish will continue to be a suitable site for your business over the next 5 years? [Yes, staying at the current site [] Yes, if we can expand our current building [] Yes, if new buildings become available [] No, planning to move away from site 11. How satisfied overall are you with the Parish for buisenesses? [*] Neutral [] Very satisfied [] Satisfied [] Unsatisfied [] Very unsatisfied

Brixton Parish Business Survey

12. What attracted you to the Parish?

- [] Cost (either rent or purchase)
- [] Local workforces (appropriate skills/experience etc.)
- [] Range of other businesses locally
- [] Other, please specify

[] Location]

- [] Local resident [] Room for expansion
- 13. Please rate the degree to which you experience any of the following challenges:

	Major Challenge	Minor Challenge	No Challenge	Don't Know
a. Expensive rent	[]	[]	[]	[]
b. Access for deliveries/collection	[]	[]	H .	- []
c. Traffic in the morning/evening	[]	[]	[]	[1]
d. Insufficient parking	[]	[]	[]	[]
e. Insufficient room for expansion	[]	[]	H	[]
f. Internet connection speed	[]	11	[]	[]
g. Poor building condition	[]	(1	17	[]
h. Theft/vandalism	[]	[]	()	[]
i. Childcare provision for employees	[]	[]	4	[]

14. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to know any insights you can provide about the local business community. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	SHOREHY ABLEE	Attee	Don't know	Disagree	STOREN DISAFTER	
a. There is a need to expand for existing businesses	[]	[]	[]	. 0	[]	
b. There are local businesses looking for new premises	[]	[]	[]	0	[]	
c. Our customers/suppliers would be keen to locate here	[]	[]	[.]	H	[]	
d. Creating more buiseness development would be good for existing businesses	D	[-]	[]	[]	[]	

16. Any additional comments?	 	

All data collected within this survey will be stored by XYZ Parish Council and will be used to inform a report to support our Neighbourhood Plan. Any data shared with other organisations will be anonymous, as will all data in the report unless permission has been granted by the business it pertains to.

Appendix B

What I like about living here?

The natural environment

Low noise levels most of the time

- Walking areas
- Local Wildlife
- Not over populated
- Beauty of area, plus local wildlife please don't change
- Excellent access to Coast/Moors/City & countryside
- Easy access to pleasant walks, generally quiet and wonderful views
- Countryside, wildlife and good neighbours
- Good neighbours
- Peace and quiet
- Accessible walking and nature
- Access to the Beaches, Moors and countryside
- Excellent people! Brilliant neighbours
- Views up to Dartmoor and down to Estuary
- The allotment
- Field behind our house & Birdlife in field.
- Good neighbours
- Natural beauty
- The beauty of the area, plenty of dog walking areas
- Excellent access lovely countryside & wonderful neighbours we are all so lucky!
- Friendly village great pub
- Peaceful, friendly I feel safe and my daughter and grandchildren live here as well
- AOAB, friendly people, fab pub, chip shop, school, lovely surrounding areas
- Quiet, traditional, sale, warm community, GREAT place to raise children
- Green spaces
- Small village feel but risk of losing this
- Access to city and major transport links

Access to rural area

Local residents accept newcomers not always happens in small villages

Area of outstanding Natural Beauty

Fantastic green environment, but close to Plymouth for amenity

The community, the walks, the countryside, the people, the sense of cohesion

Area of outstanding Natural Beauty, community, safety, good walking, peace & quiet

Fields, quiet, wildlife, nature, green spaces, old paths etc.

Being able to use the outdoor facilities at the school i.e. the playground area, school field

The community spirit, natural environment & accompanying wildlife

Friendly, helpful community, great neighbours, beautiful views, countryside, pub, chip shop, garden centre, walks etc.

Excellent Parish Council very forward thinking

What's not so good about the parish is....

No dedicated Parish Hall No off road village parking Shearford Devlopment! No playing area Sherford and only road packing Not a lot of parking Owner of pets not cleaning up e.g. horses & dogs Parking at the bough of a hill at Stamps Hill Sherford development doesn't seem to be taken into account when agreeing private developments. Traffic speed existing village towards Yealmpton Land owners on Parish Council Weed chocked street gutters No village hall

There should be no one on the Parish Council that owns more than 3 acres of land

Brixton over the past 30 years has become very scruffy – no weeding, no maintenance of overhanging hedges which narrow's pavements – maintenance of foot paths poor.

Traffic speed on main road

No buses on a Sunday

Too much growth recently – without Sherford – losing village feel

A379 cuts the village in half (not easy to deal with this though!)

Recreational areas are small and not well maintained. Little to suit the needs of all children. Yealmpton Park is far better, for example.

Public footpaths few and far between!

Community and visitor understanding of speed limits and parking eticate at Brixton Torr. It makes turning and walking very dangerous and inconvenient for local resident.

No Village hall

Additional traffic calming is needed – commuters through the village drive too quickly

Approach to Zebra crossing is not well signed.

Inadequate sports facilities for all ages

Weed chocked gutters

Litter

Some dog owners don't clean up after their dogs - IRRESPONSIBLE!!!

Traffic speed on Stamps Hill – Excessive and Dangerous!

What we want is...

Steps cut into bank at the school for easier access to the playing field

Zebra crossing or similar to get across A379 for Otter Nurseries etc. and at east end of town

No more housebuilding!

More buses!

No more housebuilding

More frequent buses e.g. every half an hour 24/7

Clear turning area at the end of Brixton Torr road

No more housing

Safer pedestrian access along Red Lion Hill & traffic calming & re- surfacing road

House building north of the AON building

More things for children e.g. Sports such as football, cricket

Roads need resurfacing down Steer Point Road

Help to sustain shop, Post Office and pub NO more housebuilding – Sherford to supply all that is required Effective traffic calming Pavements and hedges kept clean for pedestrians particularly to the west of the village People who actually care about Brixton & its future & not those who have vested interests! Self-build housing land to me made available Water access for canoes clubs etc. Bus service on Sunday To preserve our historic buildings, cottages and coffleet & coach house Protection for residents of Brixton Torr from excess traffic, people speeding etc. Hedges need cutting back along main road causing narrow pavements Average speed cameras to keep speed down Effective traffic calming - average speed cameras No further developments beyond the parish needs More traffic calming on the approach to the village A zebra crossing across road at the Crescent entrance Improvements made to Scout Hut Weed clearing in gutters/pavements, trimming overhanging branches/bushes NO more houses Cycle path in and out of village Self-build housing Traffic calming 20 Mph i.e. sleeping policemen

What don't want is...

With Sherford being developed do we really need much extra housing or industrial development in this area?

With Camus Orchard and Sherford we have enough housing development within this village

Any more housing!!

No more housing - isn't Sherford enough?

More housing

Housing development on green fields To take over by other housing developments e.g. Sherford & Elburton To lose any more arable fields - we are losing enough with Sherford To lose our allotments To lose our open spaces and lanes Any more building use brown sites not ANOB More self-build housing More housing Be linked to Sherford To have school over capacity More housing No more large housing estates Sherford engulfing Brixton so it loses its identity To lose green spaces – especially AONB and fields between Brixton & Elburton / Yealmpton No development in AONB Preserve green corridors between Plymouth and Brixton along A379 Increased car traffic Any more houses! No more housing estates Creep from Plymouth, we don't want to become part of the City or Sherford. Rat run from Sherford - more traffic Building on the AONB No more buildings

Appendix C













Appendix D

Comments from young people's consultation:

What is good about living here?

The environment – all the trees and grass.

I like that it is nice and small and most people know each other. I like that it is full of lovely people.

The donkeys and the countryside

The countryside

I like the close community

Donkeys, dog walks and environment.

There is a lot of people to socialise with everybody is nice.

There is a good park and school here.

I like the lemonade in the Fox & Hound Inn

I like walking by the estuary.

I like the playground and being able to come to school out of hours.

I like walking with the dogs along the estuary and to Brixton Tor.

Eating at the Fish & Chip shop, Fox and Hound and Park.

Open area for sport

What is not so good?

The school needs a fix

Traffic on road.

There is no soft play in the area.

I think the school needs a clean – lots of yellow stuff on road. Maybe a fire engine could do it.

Don't like the brambles around playing field.

What we need is?

A go-cart track where there are go-carts there so you don't have to bring your own.

We need a skate park.

I think that we need some tennis courts

A basketball court, a park with water jets, a pizza express restaurant and a Lidl

A quad bike park, funfair and rollercoasters Better parks, slides, swings, roundabout, obstacle course, spinning things and big climbing frames. Singing club Slides Better Park, more skate parks, trampolines. A swimming and leisure centre More shops to buy things like food in.

What we don't want

Any robbers

To damage things

Loads and loads of houses