

Local Plan Workshop with Crewkerne & Ilminster LCN

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<p><b>Decent homes for all</b> Flood resilience very important. Unable to influence major developments. Current plan/restrictions unenforced. Problem of flash flooding. Need to address and factor in drainage issues. Need to avoid flood areas. Need houses to be near workplaces.</p>	<p><b>Sustainable &amp; resilient places</b> Idea of rural vs urban places- lack of suitable infrastructure in rural areas. Rural areas have more land available that is not used sustainably or with sensible planning. Lack of use of existing structures and brown field sites. Solar panels and consideration of water management EG/ bee bricks Council tax penalties for planning proposals that are not built on Urban forests in town centres</p>
<p><b>Health and well being</b> Concern about lack of GPs and dentists. House building should be pressured to include health provisions.</p>	<p><b>Culture, community &amp; play</b> Play areas need maintenance – who provides that?</p>
<p><b>Education &amp; employment</b> Need affordable housing near industry eg Leonardo's in Yeovil. Education – primary schools often considered alongside new housing developments but rarely secondary considered. Lack of significant university in Somerset – students have to go elsewhere and rarely return until they retire, Need to focus more on apprenticeships,</p>	<p><b>Character, heritage &amp; design</b> Preserve Ham Stone buildings in particular.</p>
<p><b>Shops &amp; services</b> Depends upon transport. Buses need to be affordable. Don't want buses – not used. Village shops – people don't use them as expensive, though some work well. Need to dissuade out of town shopping centres – killing town centres. Norton village shop is example of community shop Dissuade big supermarkets outside of towns</p>	<p><b>Movement &amp; travel</b> Everything in plan depends upon good transport and accommodating cars – can't avoid importance of cars. Statutory duty of highways needs to be considered. Incentivisation of taxi drivers, to support connectivity of vulnerable people 20 mph housing zones around developments</p>

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