

# Local Development Framework

Core Strategy Consultation Event- Parish Council Feedback Form

Q1 Name of person completing the form:

Name of Parish Council: **Kilmington Parish Council**

Date form was completed: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Q2 Is the summary information we have provided for your Parish accurate?

Yes

No: **No**

Q3 If you do not consider it is accurate please tell us why (and include any information you have to support this) **Please refer to the Summary Information Schedule which we have amended to show the correct information.**

## IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Looking forward to 2030, the following questions ask how you see your Parish evolving. We would really like your Parish Council to think about the experience of living and working in the Parish can be optimised and what changes will be needed to achieve this.

In all cases, we would be grateful if you could tell us whether there is any information available to support your response, for instance Parish Plans, Housing Needs Assessments etc. Please send in additional documents or on separate sheets if you need to. If you do need to attach additional sheets in answer to the questions please make it clear which question you are referring to. We are interested in the type and scale of development and, in the broadest terms the location, but we are not asking for particular sites to be identified.

Where your Parish covers several settlements which are likely to develop in different ways, please complete one of these forms for each settlement.

Name of settlement: **Kilmington**

When answering all these questions please remember to think about your Parish into the future up to the year 2030

Q4 Considering the factors which would lead to an optimum quality of life in your Parish, would additional development be appropriate for your Parish?

Yes- please move onto question 6 **Yes**

No- please answer the following question

Q5 If no, please tell us why in the box below:

(For example impact on the quality of the landscape, lack of facilities, lack of public transport, existing vacant properties etc.)

## HOUSING

Q6 Will additional housing be required in your Parish?

Yes- please answer the following questions **Yes**

No- please move onto question 11

Q7 Please write the number of each type of dwelling you think your Parish will need over the next 20 years in the box on the right, please also write a zero where you do not require any of these types of dwellings: It is important that you write the total number of dwellings for the next 20 years and NOT an annual figure. (For example if you need 3 sheltered housing homes write '3' in the box to the right of sheltered housing)

Open market housing (no restrictions on ownership) .....	<b>15 to 26</b>
Housing to meet local needs (for instance many ex-local authority homes are restricted to people that have worked or lived in the District for two years. A similar scheme may be possible).....	<b>0</b>
Social or affordable housing through a Housing Association, registered social landlord/ shared ownership scheme.....	<b>0</b>

Sheltered housing (for instance for the elderly/ disabled)..... 0  
Other (please state in box below) ..... 11 to 17  
**Social or affordable housing to meet local parish needs**

**Q8 Any comments on question 7? Apart from a recent Housing Needs Survey (see more below) we have no concrete evidence to support the actual numbers above and so we have based our answer on recent historic data of new dwellings built in the parish (as supplied by ED-DC which stated that over the last 14 years there were 18 net new dwellings built in the parish). On the same basis and over the next 20 years this equates to 26 new dwellings. However the level of recent development could be considered to have been “slow” and so using the historic data to estimate future development may therefore produce equally low numbers.**

**The Housing Needs Survey showed that there is an initial need for 11 Affordable Houses, with possibly a further 6 being required at a later date.**

**We have therefore indicated a range of numbers both based on the historic data. The lower end of the range is a simply a total of 26 new dwellings, with phase 1 of the Affordable Housing requirement (11 houses) included in that total - thus leaving 15 other new dwellings. The upper end of the range takes the extrapolated number (26) and adds both phases of the Affordable Housing (17) to arrive a total of 43. (It could be argued that, as the Affordable Housing is a specific requirement (recently identified), and as there was no similar scheme during the period of the historic data capture, the number of Affordable Houses should be added to the trend number).**

**The results of our Parish Plan, which was undertaken in 2007, showed that Affordable Housing, restricted to people with connections to the parish, was a high priority and was supported by a considerable proportion of residents. Non- restricted affordable housing was also strongly supported. (Note: We have shown “Affordable Housing for people with local connections” under Other as we felt that the second category above, with its reference to ex-local authority homes, did not accurately described this type of new housing need.)**

**We have already initiated an Affordable Housing scheme comprising 11 houses which will be restricted to people with connections to the Parish (or neighbouring Parishes). As mentioned above it is felt that a further 6 Affordable Houses may be required over the next 20 years.**

**The findings of the Parish Plan also showed that any new housing should ideally be limited in scale - with the vast majority of residents preferring either single dwellings or small groups of less than 5 properties.**

**We have not indicated a need for “additional” Sheltered housing as it would appear that there is a lack of demand. The Sheltered Housing that the village had is no longer used for this purpose but is used to satisfy other housing needs.**

**Apart from the Affordable Housing numbers stated above we have to say that our projections are not much more than a guess. Future needs will be very dependent on many factors, many, if not all, of which are totally outside our control. They may be influenced not only by the way in which the village develops but also by the way in which surrounding towns and villages develop. For example should Axminster develop in such a way that it can supply desirable Affordable Housing then demand for the same in Kilmington may be reduced. Similarly should Kilmington Primary School be closed then families which would otherwise have wished to live in the village may decide to live closer to the alternative/new school. This could also change the demography of the village by taking away the younger element which would have a very adverse effect on the life of the village in the future.**

**Q9** Please write the number of each type of dwelling you think your Parish will need over the next 20 years in the box to the right, please also write a zero where you do not require any of these sizes of dwellings. It is important that you write the total number of dwellings for the next 20 years and NOT an annual figure. (For example if you need 5 small homes write '5' in the box to the right of 'Small (1 or 2 bedrooms)')

Small (1 or 2 bedrooms) ..... )  
 Medium (3 bedrooms) ..... ) **See below**  
 Large (4+ bedrooms) ..... )

**The above is split as follows:**

**LOWER RANGE**

	Small (1/2 beds)	Medium (3 beds)	Large (4+ Beds)	Total
Affordable I	7	4		11
Open Market	5	7	3	15
Lower range - total	12	11	3	26

**UPPER RANGE**

	Small (1/2 beds)	Medium (3 beds)	Large (4+ Beds)	Total
Affordable Phases I & II	11	6		17
Open Market Upper Range	9	12	5	26
- total	20	18	5	43

**Q10 Any comments on question 9?** The residents of the Parish wish to retain the feel of the village and do not want there to be any significant change to the size of it nor do they want the built up area to grow beyond its current boundaries. The current Built Up Area Boundary offers little scope for new building and has therefore helped in this respect but there is very little room for any additional development within the existing Boundary. The Affordable Housing for local needs that the Parish are currently pursuing is to be built on an identified exception site - any further new building may require a change to the Boundary – but any such change should be very modest in scale and should be made only after proper consultation and with the agreement of the Parish.

On a related point the Parish Plan found that nearly 60% of those who responded to the question were in favour of extending the Conservation Area. It is also felt that the Conservation Area should be better “enforced”.

**EMPLOYMENT USES**

**Q11 Will new employment uses be required in your Parish?**

Yes- please answer the following questions **Yes**

No- please move onto question 16

**Q12 What type of new employment uses are required, and what scale should they be?**

The Parish Plan survey found that just under 12% of the parish were self employed and just under 11% worked from home (similar percentages to those in 2001). The survey indicated that a large number of people (87) would make use of small business units if they were available within the parish. However in seeking to identify those individuals recently only 1 response was received.

**Any new employment uses would probably, in any event, be modest in scale.**

**Q13 Should the new employment uses be located:  
(Please tick all that apply)**

*Within the settlement* **Yes**  
*Next to the settlement* **Yes**  
*In the countryside as a farm diversification scheme* **Yes**  
*In the countryside* **No**  
*Other (please tick and write in below)*

**Q14 Any comments on questions 11- 13?**

**Apart from retail type sources of employment which could be suitably located within the settlement the most appropriate sites for new employment would be alongside existing employment sites namely the small industrial area by the quarry and sewerage works and alongside existing farm buildings.**

**Q15 What measures can we take to make sure new jobs meet demand from local residents, rather than increasing commuting by drawing workers in who live elsewhere?**

**We are not able to provide an answer to this question.**

#### **COMMERCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Q16 Does your Parish need any additional commercial infrastructure?  
(For example shop, Post Office , public house etc)**

*Yes- please answer the following questions -*  
*No- please move onto question 19* **No**

**Q17 What commercial infrastructure is required?**

**While the Parish has the commercial infrastructure that it currently requires it is extremely important that it not only retains what it has but they should be strengthened and supported as they are essential for the life of the village. The Post Office & shop, Farm Shop, Petrol Station, Pubs and Bistro/Motel are all important resources that must be kept.**

**Q18 How should this additional commercial infrastructure be funded? Are there any measures which could be put in place to assist the viability of additional commercial infrastructure?**

**N/A**

#### **PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Q19 Will your Parish need any additional essential physical infrastructure?  
(For example mains gas, broadband, mains sewerage etc)**

*Yes- please answer the following questions* **Yes**  
*No- please move onto question 22* -

**Q20 What additional essential physical infrastructure is required?**

**a) Renewed Water Mains**

**b) Improved Broadband**

**c) Flood Relief Measures – the Brook that flows through the middle of the village has been identified as a flood risk with a number of houses along its route potentially being affected. There are a number of “pinch points” along path of the Brook that require attention and the appropriate work on these may alleviate the problem. We are also concerned about the potential impact of development downstream on the banks and flood plain of the River Axe, especially at Seaton. The River Yarty, which feeds into the Axe, floods following heavy rain. There is a very real risk that development downstream will exacerbate the problem and make this flooding not only more frequent but also more prolonged and severe.**

**d) A new road leading from the A35 to the Sewerage Works/Quarry/Industrial Units (close to the new Sustrans cycle path) – this would have the effect of taking away from the village**

(especially the school) the significant number of heavy lorries that arrive at and leave this site at all times of the day and night. It would also open up the possible expansion of the site for small commercial/industrial businesses.

e) The speed limit on the A35 to be reduced further to 40mph and a controlled (traffic light) crossing to be installed. The A35 divides the Parish it is a dangerous road to cross by car and on foot (which must be done when travelling by bus). It is especially dangerous for the many vulnerable members of the Parish (namely children travelling to and from school and the elderly).

f) Extend the speed limit further along Whitford Road so that it starts at the same location as the Kilminster sign in order that it includes all of the houses along that road.

g) Having the Bus service come into the village – thus alleviating the problems of having to cross the A35 to catch the bus.

**Q21 How should this additional essential physical infrastructure be funded?**

- a) By the Utility providers – it would be better and cheaper for the water mains to be renewed rather than the continual repairing of broken mains.
- b) By BT – with just under 12% of the parish working from home and the general increase in use of the Internet, together with stated Government intent, BT should renew the cabling and local area terminal box(es) to provide a more reliable and improved broadband speed.
- c) By East Devon District Council and the Environment Agency.
- d) By Devon County Council and/or Private Sector Investment.
- e) By the Highways Agency
- f) By Devon County Council – we are pursuing this already.
- g) Negligible cost

#### **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Q22 Will your Parish needs any additional community infrastructure?**

(For example meeting places, places of worship, village hall)

Yes- please answer the following question **Yes**

No- please move onto question 24 -

**Q23 What additional community infrastructure is required?**

**Additional (sports) hall.** Kilminster is fortunate with its current levels of amenity/community infrastructure which are heavily used. However the loss of the Baptists Church (as a result of a fire) has shown that the remaining infrastructure is overstretched – with many village groups having to use venues outside of the village. The Parish Plan survey found that facilities for the young was the top priority – a second hall designed with sport and the young in mind would compliment the existing infrastructure.

#### **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Q24 Will any additional green infrastructure facilities and improvements be required?**

(For example indoor or outdoor recreation space, footpaths, disabled access to footpaths, access to the countryside)

Yes- please answer the following questions **Yes**

No- please move to question 27

**Q25 What green infrastructure facilities and improvements will be required?**

**Maintain and improve the banks of the streams through the Parish.**

**Improve access to and along the larger Rivers in the Parish (Yarty, Axe and Cory).**

**More/New play equipment for the existing children's play area to cater for a wider age group.**

**Better, but discreet, signposting of Footpaths, Bridleways and Byways and maintenance of same.**

**Open up the old quarry area to make it accessible to the community (possible uses being nature reserve/trail – mountain bike track).**

**Make wooded areas accessible to the community for nature trails/school project etc.**

**Q26 How should these additional green infrastructure facilities and improvements be funded?**

**Stream through Parish – Maintenance - to be internal by the community. Improvements (refer to Q20 – c) above) – works required to be undertaken by DCC Highways/EDDC.**

**Access to Rivers – Requires the support of land owners plus involvement of DCC Parish Paths Partnership Scheme if formal paths are created.**

**More/New play equipment to be funded from section 106 payments.**

**Footpaths etc – limited funds already available together with community involvement.**

**Quarry and Wooded areas – Requires land owners' support together with community involvement.**

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**Q27 Using the box below please tell us how you have involved your wider community in deciding what to write on this form:**

**With the time constraints given to respond, seeking the views of the whole community was not considered a viable option. Having undertaken, in 2007, a survey of all of the parish residents for the Parish Plan it was decided that this was the best, and most complete, source of information available to enable us to complete this form. A team of residents reviewed and analysed the available information in order to formulate the responses given above which were then reviewed and agreed by the Parish Council.**

**Thank you very much for your information. Please send this completed form back to us by Friday 14th May in the pre-paid envelope provided.**