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Torrige District Vision	Question 1: Do you have any changes that would improve our vision?			To add that there should be something for everyone with at least an equal opportunity for achievement
Aims and Objectives	Question 2: Are our aims and objectives adequate to drive the vision?			The aims and objectives appear to be pretty comprehensive and it is hoped that a balance of all the points is indeed actually achievable. Common sense, practicality and reality need to weigh heavily though
Evidence base	Question 3: Is there important information not included in our Evidence Base that we should take into account?			<p>It is not immediately clear whether Dolton's Parish Plan is well represented within the collection of statistics. The same can be said for the Dolton 2006 Housing Needs Survey</p> <p>It should be noted that our plan is currently under review and identifiable needs are likely to increase</p>
Future Development Scenarios	Question 4: Which is the most appropriate strategic approach to development?	4.1	Job growth led development strategy	
		4.2	Community planning led development strategy	Given that Dolton is facing a wide range of issues and needs which affect the whole community, it is felt that this is an appropriate way forward
		4.3	Housing needs led development strategy	Although this could be a driving factor, for communities such as Dolton it would be best integrated into option 4.2

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The Settlement Hierarchy	Question 5: What is the most sustainable distribution of new development, reducing the need to travel by car, improving accessibility to services and optimising the cohesiveness of our communities?	5.1	Concentrate new development at Barnstaple	
		5.2	Focus new development at Barnstaple, Bideford and our Market Towns	
		5.3	Maintain a more proportionate distribution of new development between our main settlements	Not only to maintain but to consciously enable the opportunities, facilities and infrastructure for communities to become proportionately self-supportive and thus, sustainable
Settlements within the Hierarchy	Question 6: Where should Bideford and Northam be identified within the proposed settlement hierarchy?	6.1	Bideford as an Area Centre; Northam as a Market Town	N/A
		6.2	Bideford complementing Barnstaple as part of a Strategically Significant Town; Northam as a Market Town	N/A
		6.3	Bideford as a Market Town; Northam as a Small Town /Large Village	N/A
Growth of Barnstaple	Question 7: What strategy could best accommodate new development within Barnstaple?	7.1	Urban extensions to Barnstaple	N/A
		7.2	New settlement between Barnstaple and Bideford	N/A

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Accessibility and the Transport Network	Question 8: How could our communities have improved access to centralised services?	8.1	Maintain the existing transport network and service levels	
		8.2	Safeguard key transport network enhancements	
		8.3	Develop an integrated public and community transport network	Making individual communities more insular would not be a good direction. Explore links and identify patterns to make best use of both road and rail to join communities to each other and on to centralised services
Local Community Networks	Question 9: Which rural settlements might sustain modest rural growth that would help create more sustainable communities, optimising access to services and reducing the need to travel by car?	9.1	Identify rural centres at which to allow modest rural growth	Dolton needs to be recognised as a key settlement. Many surrounding communities rely on Dolton and this status needs to be appropriately identified Sympathetic development on many fronts is necessary, achievable and supported by the Parish Plan. Community led schemes would enable vital sustainability and make them more accessible to surrounding villages
		9.2	Identify village clusters that share services so that growth may be limited to fewer centres	
Enhancing Service Provision	Question 10: How could essential services be made more accessible without them being uneconomic to run?	10.1	Development of modern services that meet our needs	This would appear to be the most suitable option
		10.2	Locally-based standards of service	
		10.3	Services subsidised by the developments that generate their need	

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Planning for Green Infrastructure	Question 11: How will Green Infrastructure be implemented in our area?	11.1	Reactive approach	
		11.2	Proactive approach	
		11.3	Integrated approach	This would appear to be the most suitable option
Rural Service Standards	Question 12: What standard of service provision ought rural communities to expect?	12.1	Equal service standards for all	
		12.2	Different service standards for different character areas	This would appear to be the most suitable option
Biodiversity	Question 13: How should we conserve and enhance biodiversity and what are the implications for development?	13.1	Promote enhancement of biodiversity wherever possible	
		13.2	View biodiversity as a development constraint	
		13.3	Allow for the creation of replacement habitats	Where possible, this would appear to be the most suitable option
Landscape Conservation	Question 14: How should the landscape be managed and enhanced?	14.1	Reactive approach to landscape enhancement	
		14.2	Proactive approach to landscape enhancement	This would appear to be the most suitable option

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New Development in the Landscape	Question 15: How should new development be accommodated within northern Devon's high quality landscape?	15.1	Maintain the national landscape designations only	
		15.2	Identify locally important landscapes	
		15.3	Introduce a landscape character approach to development	This would appear to be the most suitable option
Built Heritage	Question 16: How should the built heritage be conserved and enhanced?	16.1	Reactive approach to conservation	
		16.2	Proactive approach to conservation	This would appear to be the most suitable option
Climate Change and Renewable Energy	Question 17: How should the environmental benefits of renewable energy be balanced against their environmental impacts?	17.1	Facilitation of renewable energy development	
		17.2	Balanced approach to renewable energy and protecting environmental assets	This would appear to be the most suitable option
		17.3	Protection of all our environmental assets	

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Climate Change and Flood Risk	Question 18: How should the sustainability benefits of Previously Developed Land redevelopment within towns be balanced against the potential risks of flooding?	18.1	The flood risk vulnerability of a development must be consistent with the flood zone compatibility of the area in which it is located	N/A
		18.2	Local mitigation measures minimise and manage the risk of flooding	N/A
Development Market Pressures and Needs	Question 19: How can we ensure that future housing and employment land provision meets the changing needs of the population?	19.1	Seek to maintain growth that may help achieve our regeneration objectives	Regeneration is the key here and needs to be identified in each community's case. A blanket option in 19.2 appears to allow little consideration for identified needs outside of major urban settlements
		19.2	Seek to control growth in accord with regional objectives	
Economic Vision	Question 20: What steps do we need to take to realise our economic vision of a regenerated local economy?	20.1	Maintain employment land availability	
		20.2	Respond to the local economic needs	
		20.3	Promote sustainable prosperity	This would appear to be the most suitable option
Delivery of Affordable Housing Provision	Question 21: How should we optimise affordable housing provision?	21.1	Maximise the provision of affordable housing	This would appear to be the most suitable option. Greater emphasis needs to be placed on actual delivery. A review of policy may be in order
		21.2	Prioritise the provision of affordable housing	

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Delivering Rural Housing for Local Needs	Question 22: How should we facilitate the provision of affordable housing to meet local needs in rural areas?	22.1	Exception sites only	
		22.2	Grant free affordable housing	This would appear to be the most realistic and genuinely achievable approach
		22.3	Grant led affordable housing	
Provision of Sites for Gypsies and Travellers	Question 23: Where might appropriate sites for gypsies and travellers be located within the area to meet their identified needs?	23.1	New pitches in built up areas	This would appear to be the most suitable option
		23.2	New pitches outside settlements	
Development Land and Development Boundaries	Question 24: Which settlements should have defined development boundaries to control development growth or to define the settlement edge?	24.1	Retain development boundaries for towns experiencing growth pressures	
		24.2	Retain or reinstate development boundaries for all main settlements	This would appear to be the most suitable option but able to cater for needs as identified by individual Communities. Genuine sustainability needs to be considered also
Sustainable Design and Construction	Question 25: To what extent should future development optimise opportunities for sustainable design and construction?	25.1	A staged approach to enhanced eco-standards	
		25.2	Progress on sustainable design and construction within the context of our regeneration priorities	This would appear to be the most realistic ideal with 25.3 eventually becoming the target
		25.3	Promote innovative and exemplary design requirements for all developments to optimise reductions in carbon emissions	

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Housing Design Standards	Question 26: What standards of new housing should we promote?	26.1	All new homes to be designed to Lifetime Homes Standard	
		26.2	A proportion of new homes on larger developments to be designed to Lifetime Homes Standard	This would appear to be the most realistic ideal with 26.1 eventually becoming the target
		26.3	Meet the minimum design standards	
Off-Street Car Parking Standards	Question 27: How can car use be discouraged whilst providing appropriate levels of parking for new development?	27.1	Maintain the current local standards	This would appear to be the most practical option with community sustainability being a better method of reducing the need to travel
		27.2	New local standards that reflect accessibility to the public transport network	
North Devon Growth Options	Question 28: Where in North Devon could significant growth be accommodated in the most sustainable way?	[Barnstaple sites]		N/A
		[Ilfracombe sites]		
		[South Molton sites]		
Torridge Growth Options	Question 29: Where in Torridge could significant change be accommodated in the most sustainable way?	[Bideford sites]		Rather than being purely site specific, we would encourage dispersion across all rural areas where the need is identified and sustainability can be achieved
		[Northam sites]		
		[Great Torrington sites]		
		[Holsworthy sites]		

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Objectives and Indicators	Question 30: Are the proposed objectives and indicators within the joint Sustainability Appraisal Framework appropriate?	30.1	The proposed objectives and indicators are SMART, available and appropriate for monitoring a balanced range of sustainability implications	
		30.2	The proposed objectives and indicators should be improved	<p>No experience of either option but monitoring should naturally take into account evolving needs whilst tracking progress</p> <p>The potential for flexibility is a key additional benefit of this emerging process over that of the outgoing Local Plan. Accurate monitoring is crucial to this flexibility</p>