Okehampton Town Council
10th October 2025
Meeting Report

Date:	13th October 2025
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9. **Consultations** – To consider the following consultations

9.1 **South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan** – Call for sites to be identified as potential land for future housing and economic development

Joint Local Plan
Planning Update

South Hams District Council
West Devon Borough Council

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Call for sites

- We are looking to identify potential land for future housing and economic development in our area.
- This is a crucial part of our preparation for the new South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan where we identify land that can make a positive contribution to delivering sustainable development to meet the current and future needs of communities.

What we are looking for

- We invite you to submit any land you believe may be suitable for future development, including:
- **Housing sites:** Open market led and exception sites, from minor to strategic scale.
- **Economic**
- **Gypsy & Traveller sites**

How to submit

Please access the **PlaceMaker portal** below to submit the required site information.

Key Information

- **Submission Deadline:** Please submit your site by **5 p.m. on Friday 5 December**.
- **Site Criteria:** Sites must generally be at least 0.25 hectares or capable of supporting 5+ dwellings or 100+ sqm of employment floorspace.
- **Audience:** This is a targeted consultation exercise with interested parties only at this stage. You have been contacted as someone who has previously submitted land for consideration or planning applications to be determined by the Local Planning Authority (LPA).
- **Future Plans:** Wider engagement with stakeholders and communities will take place later in the plan-making process.

Important

Submitting a site for consideration does not guarantee its future allocation in the Local Plan or that planning permission will be granted. Feedback will not be provided to individual submissions.

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10. **Residents Parking Permits** – To consider a request from a member of the public for provision of residents parking permits in Wonnacotts Road

The request is as follows:

It is for Wonnacotts Road EX20 1LX.

Parking of non-residents seems to have become worse this year. We see people parking to use the GP surgery, hospital and to go to work. They avoid paying for town parking by using our road. They also don't care about parking over driveways and completely block pavements, especially the curve around towards Lopes Crescent, which has caused near misses as visibility is occluded. We have also seen cars and vans abandoned for weeks at a time.

This enquiry was originally raised in July by the member of the public to DCC Highways. Their response:

Your report
Thank you for your enquiry regarding resident parking in Okehampton.

Neville Road is not public highway. According to Land Registry, it is West Devon Borough Council land, and the parking scheme in this location appears to have been implemented by West Devon Borough Council.

We also do not appear to have any public highway resident parking schemes on North Road, Okehampton. West Devon County Council are the registered owner of a section of North Road by the fire station, and they appear to have implemented their own parking scheme in this section.

Public highway resident parking schemes along with other public highway parking restrictions implemented by Devon County Council can be viewed on the interactive map at this web address: https://devon.traffweb.app/traffweb/1/TrafficOrders

If you wished to progress with the request to consider a public highway residents parking scheme in Okehampton, you would need to contact the Town Council and the County Councillor, and if it can be demonstrated that there is wider support for the suggested scheme, the County Councillor would need to formally raise the request. The request would need to meet our current policy requirements, as previously mentioned.

At present, we would not have the funding to consider the scheme this financial year, so realistically this would need to be a community funded scheme (e.g. funded by the Town Council, County Councillor locality budget, or collectively by members of the public) if there is significant desire for the proposal to be progressed.

It is also noted that West Devon Borough Council are responsible for parking charges in Okehampton Hospital Car Park, and this can be verified in the West Devon Borough Council Off Street Parking Places Order. If this is believed to be the cause of the parking issues in Wonnacotts Road, it may be advisable to raise the concerns with West Devon Borough Council.

Information about residents parking permits is available on DCCs website https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/parking-permits/residents-parking/ .

Residents' parking zones are often used in areas where there is more demand than spaces making it difficult for residents to access parking where they live. They don't guarantee residents a parking space but help to manage and prioritise parking spaces for people who are full-time residents of those areas.