

**South Hams LDF
Response to Area Action Plan**

To: Major Developments Team
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Dear Sirs, I wish to make representations regarding the recent Area Action Plan (Sherford).

I consider the DPD to be flawed because:-

(a) It is not a spatial plan, nor does it have regard to other relevant plans, policies or strategies relating to this or adjoining areas.

(b) The strategies, policies etc fail to represent the most appropriate in all circumstances, or considered relevant alternatives, and they are not founded on a robust or credible evidence base

In particular, my representation refers to Paras 7.68 -7.69 of the DPD, to policy SNC7 and to the Proposals Map

The change I propose is :-

TRANSPORTATION

1. An essential policy requirement within the Structure Plan and Core Strategy is that High Quality/High Capacity Public Transport is in place from the commencement of the development.
2. The Proposals Map shows main public transport access across King George V playing fields, using Haye Road as an interim solution. This is badly flawed not only in respect of the loss of valuable playing fields, but also in the timescale to achieve delivery, and Haye Road being totally unsuitable for a high quality bus service
3. The use of Deep Lane Junction and the A38 is not attractive as a public transport corridor. It would involve considerably more traffic onto the A38, contrary to the stipulations of the Highways Agency.
4. By far the best opportunity to achieve High Quality Public Transport is to provide a direct link to the A379, between Elburton and Brixton.

URBAN FORM

5. It is inappropriate that the urban form is set on high land adjacent to the A38. The settlement form should be repositioned off the high land avoiding expenditure in relocating major services and avoiding coalescence between Plympton and Elburton. The wide, open corridor, traversed by the A38 should be protected.
6. The Sherford Illustrative Plan will not achieve the requirement of Policy SNC7 in that it fails in "provision of appropriate direct road links to the A38 at Deep Lane Junction and to the A379 from the commencement of development"

In addition to the above, I have grave concerns since Paragraphs 7.92 and 7.93 propose an HQPT route through the King George V playing fields. In my view this is totally unacceptable. This land was deeded "in perpetuity" to the local Community and it is intensively used by children (both in the play area and the open space), by sports team, from schools and youth organisations, and by the Community in general, of all ages. The physical splitting of this area as proposed would render a great deal of it unusable and potentially dangerous. The "offer" of the provision of replacement facilities "including a swimming pool" does not outweigh the need for this area of "breathing space". Local residents would be seriously disadvantaged by its loss.

Yours faithfully