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I am writing on behalf of Yealmpton Parish Council and with the agreement of the Council to comment on the Sherford New Community Action Plan (Submission Stage). Our preferred method of comment is by letter.

Our comments refer solely to the section on Movement and transport para. 7.63-7.74 **Policy SNC7**. We regard this as being the policy of greatest concern to our parish.

In summary we are worried about increased traffic flows on the A379 and congestion for people travelling from Yealmpton to Plymouth. We also have an concern that the creation of Sherford will mean an increase in vehicles travelling through our village.

The 2006 Yealmpton Parish Plan compiled after widespread public consultation noted: "Traffic noise, speed and volume was the major concern and seen as the worst feature of the village". The creation of Sherford can only worsen this.

We note with disappointment that the Plymouth Eastern Corridor Study has concluded a Park and Ride on the A379 is not justified at this time. We would therefore like to see an easy access between Yealmpton and the Park and Ride and Public Transport Interchange at Deep Lane.

There will be significant residential development just to the east of the Laira Bridge which could with the addition of the traffic generated by Sherford, make connection into the City Centre really quite difficult without major road improvements.

In order to ease congestion between Sherford and Plymouth on the A379 it is essential that the section of road between Elburton and Plymouth City Centre is improved. This should include the reopening of the dual carriageway on the

Billacombe/Elburton road, improvements to ease traffic flow at Pomphlett roundabout and improvements to Gdnia Way and Cattedown Roudabouts.

The Yeaimpton bus service is not frequent and evening and Sunday services are particularly poor. In order to contribute to the aim of limiting the increase in congestion, we would like to see the communities on the A379 corridor benefit from the public transport services resulting from the Sherford development. To help achieve this some of the new bus services from Sherford, should start and finish further out.

We also wish to register concern and ask for information on proposed restrictions on the use of the A379 by contractors' vehicles during Sherford construction. We would ask that any contracts imposed as a condition of the granting of the contract an agreement not to use the A379 to the east of Sherford. All contractors vehicles to use the A38.

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