

**Appendix 1**

**Proposals put forward by SHDC Officers and Members and members of the Community Partnership Forum, ranked in order of importance to the Community Sounding Board.**

Rank	Proposal	Author/s / Supporters	Rank from Community Partnership Forum
1	<p>Request that the Government introduces a new policy to safeguard the existing Post Office network by allowing them to perform new functions and provide services for the local community.</p> <p><i>Reintroducing lost products and services will reinforce the Post Office as a hub for the local community, providing a range of necessary functions such as banking.</i></p>	SHDC Officers & Cllr Paul Coulson, SHDC/Salcombe Town Council	9
2	<p>Request that the Government introduces legislation that enables the tax from second homes to be spent in affected local areas, addressing needs of the local community.</p> <p><i>This would allow council tax from second homes to be retained in the local areas affected by second homes and for the funds to be targeted at alleviating problems that second homes can cause.</i></p>	SHDC Officers + many supporters- no specific names	6
3	<p>Request that the Government introduces legislation for affordable, sustainable homes. These are to be built by housing co-operatives, private individuals and parish councils for their own use.</p> <p><i>Suggested new policy 'Private Initiative Affordable Housing' which would allow private individuals, self- build schemes, housing co-operatives and not for profit collectives to build sustainable homes for their own use.</i></p>	Peter Smith, South Devon Green Party & Chris Bird, Transition Town Totnes-Building and Housing Group.	2
4	<p>Request that the Government provides financial support or tax incentives to encourage public services, businesses and households to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install renewable energy kits;</li> <li>- Use organic food waste to produce energy;</li> <li>- Improve the energy efficiency of existing properties.</li> </ul> <p><i>Suggestions include grants for sustainable improvements; funding for anaerobic digesters - energy from food/organic waste; reductions in VAT for insulation and energy efficiency improvements to older properties.</i></p>	Cllr Anne Ward, SHDC; Geri Laithwaite, West Den; & Jon Rae, Dartington Hall Trust.	3
5	<p>Request that the Government provides funding and support to develop an extensive cycle and off-road walkway network.</p> <p><i>Delivering a network of cycle routes and walkways in towns and villages will</i></p>	Jacqi Hogdson, Transition Town Totnes & Lydia Somerville, Totnes Strategy	5

	<i>reduce reliance on fossil fuels as well as encouraging exercise and improving individual well-being.</i>	Group.	
6	Request that the Government introduces legislation to make it compulsory for all new developments and strategies to be assessed for their impact on overall sustainability and the communities' health and well-being. <i>This will require Integrated Impact Assessments to be carried out on all new developments, which would mean looking at build quality; transport and infrastructure and access to the natural environment. This would require adopting a multi-agency approach to assess the full impact of the development on the health and well-being of the community.</i>	Janet Richardson, Totnes Development Trust.	4
7	Request that the Government provides funding to support Business Rate relief for local businesses which trade in locally grown or locally made produce. <i>Councils have discretion to award rate relief but this is partly funded by the council taxpayer. This legislation would mean that any relief would be wholly funded by Government.</i>	SHDC Officers	7
8	Request that the Government introduces legislation to enable the introduction of local sustainable energy supplies, and allow them to compete with the larger energy providers. <i>This would allow local sustainable energy suppliers to provide a secure and potentially cheaper supply of energy for local people.</i>	Cllr Anne Ward, SHDC	8
9	Request that the Government introduces legislation to make it easier for land to be transferred to local community groups and parish councils in order to meet the needs of the community. <i>Community Asset Transfers allow land to be transferred from local authority ownership to community groups at less than market value. A similar scheme operates in Scotland - Community Right To Buy. This would give community groups 'first refusal' on any land disposal by the local authority.</i>	Louis Victory, Totnes Strategy Group; Alan Stapleton, South Hams Sustainability Group; Ro Hughes, Ermington Parish Council; Jamie Evans, Devon County Council; Noni Mackenzie, Transition Town Totnes.	1
10	Request that Government provide guidance and financial support to help local authorities and communities to manage and conserve green spaces in a way that improves local community's resilience to the effects of climate change (or lowers the threat of climate change to communities). <i>This would allow our green spaces to be managed in a way that reduces the impacts of climate change on the surrounding area, for example as water channels and buffer strips.</i>	Alan Stapleton, South Hams Sustainability Group	10
11	Request that the Government provides longer term consistent funding and support for voluntary groups and activities. <i>This is aimed at encouraging volunteer activities within the community.</i>	Dani de Beaumont, Barnardo's	9

