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**SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL / STRATEGIC
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT of
SOUTH HAMS SHERFORD NEW
COMMUNITY AREA ACTION PLAN
(SUBMISSION STAGE)**

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT

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<p>Adopted Devon Structure Plan 2001 to 2016 (Devon County Council, January 2005) (SA undertaken)</p>	<p>1a) Conserve and enhance Devon’s landscape, coast and cultural heritage. 1b) Conserve and enhance biodiversity and protect wildlife habitats. 1c) Improve the urban environment, by improving safety, reducing congestion and enhancing townscape. 1d) Preserve and enhance open space and access to the countryside. 1e) Provide for new development where it would not conflict with the need to conserve and enhance the special environment and heritage of Devon.</p> <p>2a) Maintain and improve air quality. 2b) Conserve water resources and their quality. 2c) Minimise the risk of flooding to people and places. 2d) Conserve mineral and soil resources. 2e) Reduce and minimise waste generated in Devon, encouraging all schemes which promote the recycling and re-use of raw materials and minimising the adverse environmental effects of waste disposal. 2f) Minimise energy usage, conserve energy resources and facilitate energy generation from renewable resources. 2g) Conserve land resources by taking full advantage of development potential within existing settlements and built up areas - through re-using land where possible and developing at optimum densities so as to not detract from the quality of the urban environment.</p> <p>3a) Promote the retention of existing facilities and services. 3b) Guide new facilities to locations accessible to the population they serve. 3c) Enhance the accessibility of facilities to those dependent on public transport. 3d) Enhance the role of the Devon’s settlements as centres for service provision. 3e) Maintain or enhance the role of town centres as the focal points for local communities. 3f) Provide for new development in such a way as to reinforce Devon’s settlement hierarchy and help to promote the self sufficiency of settlements.</p> <p>4a) Ensure that the scale, mix and type of new housing provides for choice (in terms of type of</p>	<p>Take into account the Devon Structure Plan’s objectives for new development, including conservation of the environment (including landscapes, coast, cultural heritage, biodiversity, open space); reuse of land (particularly previously developed land); optimum densities; settlement hierarchy; affordable housing of appropriate scale, mix and type; good design; employment opportunities; sustainable patterns of development; accessibility.</p>

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	<p>housing, affordability, and tenure), reflecting the needs of all sectors of the community.</p> <p>4b) Where consistent with the other objectives, housing needs generated from within the existing population of an area should be provided for within that locality.</p> <p>4c) Through good design of housing and residential environments, improve quality of life by facilitating the creation of healthy communities and neighbourhoods, fostering social cohesion and aiding urban renewal and regeneration.</p> <p>4d) Provide scope for housing development in those areas best related to employment opportunities, best capable of being served by public transport and most accessible to community and other facilities, so as to reduce the need to travel, make better use of previously developed land and promote sustainable patterns of development.</p> <p>5a) Sustain, broaden and diversify the existing economic base by improving business and employment opportunities, and by providing scope for new economic investment in those parts of Devon most likely to attract such investment.</p> <p>5b) Ensure that any major economic development takes place in locations accessible to residential areas.</p> <p>5c) Encourage investment in infrastructure that supports planned economic development.</p> <p>5d) Address the needs of those areas having specific economic difficulties, including the delivery of economic regeneration and initiatives to diversify the economy.</p> <p>5e) Provide for economic restructuring, including the diversification of farm businesses in the rural areas.</p> <p>6a) Reduce the need to travel, especially by private vehicles.</p> <p>6b) Promote the use of alternatives to car travel such as public transport, walking and cycling.</p> <p>6c) Guide new development to locations that can be served by a choice of transport modes.</p> <p>6d) Increase accessibility for those not having access to private transport.</p> <p>6e) Avoid the dispersal of new development provision - in order to reduce the need to travel and maximise accessibility to facilities and services.</p> <p>7a) Take advantage of existing infrastructure capacity in providing for development</p> <p>7b) Provide for new development only where existing infrastructure is adequate or where new infrastructure can be secured to service the development proposed.</p>	

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<p>Devon Local Transport Plan 2001 to 2006 (Devon County Council, July 2000)</p>	<p>1. Integrated Transport. To integrate all forms of transport with the Devon Structure Plan and Local Plans leading to a better, more efficient, transport system. 2. Safety. To ensure that travel can be undertaken safely by all modes. 3. Accessibility. To improve accessibility to work, facilities and services for all, especially for those without access to a car. 4. Economy. To maximise the contribution of sustainable transport networks to an efficient economy. 5. Environment. To protect the natural environment and historic heritage of Devon. 6. Health. To encourage healthier lifestyles through promotion of walking and cycling. 7. Lifelong Learning. To improve and enhance access by sustainable transport to schools, colleges and cultural destinations. 8. Social Exclusion. To meet the transport needs of all social groups and contribute to community needs. 9. Tourism. To integrate tourism and public transport to give visitors a wider choice of modes.</p> <p>South West Devon Zone The Programme's key priorities for the Plan period 2001 - 2006 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced walking and cycling routes linked to the South West Coast Path and the National Cycle Network • Improvements to public transport facilities in market towns, linked to enhanced passenger facilities on urban and rural bus routes • Enhanced Park and Ride and public transport interchanges including a rural interchange at Yelverton. • Improvements to rail stations on the Tamar Valley line and at Ivybridge and Totnes and research on proposed re-opening of the Bere Alston-Tavistock rail line • Phased Safer Journeys to School Programmes focused on school clusters • Enhanced accessibility for market and coastal towns as part of town centre management initiatives • Management of sustainable distribution on rural roads in the context of Freight Quality Partnerships <p>Zone's five strategic priorities have been identified as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the impact of transport on the environment, particularly that of the private car and freight 	<p>Reflect the sustainable transport needs in land-use planning, including efficiency, accessibility to work, facilities and services, education, culture, safety, protection of the natural environment and integration, particularly with tourism</p>

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	transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve facilities and opportunities for cycling and walking • To maximise the integration and efficiency of different parts of the transport network, particularly public transport • To improve the safety of the transport network • To ensure that sustainable transport needs are comprehensively reflected in emerging land-use policies 	
Devon Biodiversity Action Plan (Devon Biodiversity Partnership, July 1998)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ To provide a vision for the future of Devon's biodiversity and geology, which can inspire collective action. ☐ To establish priorities for biodiversity and geology conservation in Devon, in the context of UK biodiversity priorities, informed by local needs. ☐ To develop an initial set of Action Plans for a selection of the highest priority habitats, species and geological features in Devon ☐ To develop strong partnerships between those with a part to play in biodiversity and geology conservation, and to use these partnerships to seek consensus on objectives and targets for habitat, species and geological conservation. ☐ To define objectives and targets for priority habitats, species and geological features, arrived at through discussion and consensus, and to set out actions needed to achieve these targets. ☐ To provide a basis for monitoring future progress in biodiversity conservation in Devon, in order both to inform partners and allow refinement of objectives and targets, and to feed into monitoring procedures at the UK level. 	Devon BAP priority species, habitats and geology should be taken into consideration.
Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Devon 2004 (Devon County Council, July 2004)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The reduction of growth of municipal waste that is generated and to set a target for reducing the growth rate in household waste. 2. To provide a framework to ensure the development of facilities for the collection, treatment and disposal of waste in Devon which would enable it to become as self sufficient as possible, and in line with the South West Regional Waste Strategy. This would not prohibit the transport of waste between Devon and the adjacent Authorities where this would be mutually economically and environmentally beneficial. 3. The beneficial use of as much household waste as possible through (in order of priority) materials recycling, composting and maximising the recovery of resources and energy, i.e. follow the waste management hierarchy where ever possible. 4. The recycling/composting of at least 36% of household waste by the year 2005/06 within Devon, and to recycle or compost 40% of municipal waste by 2009/10, 50% by 2014/15, 60% by 2019/20 	Take account of the need for development of waste facilities in Devon, utilising proximity principle.

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	<p>and 65% by 2025/26 .</p> <p>5. The recovery of value (including recycling & composting) from 40% of municipal waste by 2005, 45% of municipal waste by 2010 and 67% by 2015.</p> <p>6. To comply with the requirements of the EU Landfill Directive, including the meeting of targets to divert biodegradable municipal waste away from landfill.</p> <p>These are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 2010 to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste landfilled to 75% of that produced in 1995. • By 2013 to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste landfilled to 50% of that produced in 1995. • By 2020 to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste landfilled to 35% of that produced in 1995. <p>7. To ensure compliance with the landfill allocations set by the Waste and Emissions Trading Act from 2005/06</p> <p>8. To ensure compliance with the Household Waste Recycling Act 2003 and other Acts as they become law.</p> <p>9. To choose an integrated mix of waste management methods with regard to managing waste as close to its source of generation (the Proximity Principle) which represents the optimum balance of environmental and economic costs and benefits, and minimise the risks of immediate and future environmental pollution and harm to human health (Best Practicable Environmental Option).</p>	
<p>Devon County Council's Historic Environment Role and Action Plan (HERAP)</p> <p>2003</p> <p>(Devon County Council, July 2003)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek in all its undertakings to protect, conserve, make accessible and, where appropriate, enhance the areas, sites, buildings and landscapes that are of importance to the historic environment and contribute to Devon's local distinctiveness. Seek to emphasise the contribution that the historic environment makes to Devon. 2. Seek to identify, record, interpret and publish archaeological sites, landscapes, townscapes and historic buildings. 3. Maintain and enhance the Devon County Sites & Monuments Register and develop it to a full Historic Environment Record. 4. Seek to protect and encourage others to protect Devon's irreplaceable historic environment resource, and to provide planning and site and building management advice. 5. Seek to provide accessible advice and information to promote the protection, understanding, enjoyment and care of the historic environment by everyone. 6. Seek to develop partnerships with all relevant bodies both professional and voluntary , in order to 	<p>Recognise the importance of Devon's historical resources including areas, sites, buildings and landscapes.</p>

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	maximise efforts to protect Devon's historic environment. 7. Seek the active involvement of the region's academic institutions and other partners in the study of Devon's historic environment and encourage links between academic projects, national agencies and county/regional research agendas.	
Working For a Better Devon: Strategic Plan 2003 - 2008 (Adopted) (Devon County Council, July 2003)	Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving a prosperous Devon • Creating safer and stronger communities in Devon • Promoting a healthy and caring Devon • Promoting achievement through learning in Devon • Improving travel and communication in Devon • Looking after Devon's environment, culture and heritage • Ensuring the County Council is a well managed local authority Priority Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving life opportunities for younger and older people in Devon • Regenerating Devon wards among the 25% most disadvantaged in the country • Improving access for people in Devon • Working for a better Devon Strategic Plan 2003-2008 	Consider spatial planning's ability/potential to create safer and stronger communities and indication, particularly access. Whilst continuing to look after the environment, culture and heritage.
Devon County Councils Maritime Role And Action Programme 2003 (Devon County Council, March 2003)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To realise a prosperous and competitive coastal economy that is inclusive of all. 2. To strengthen the effectiveness of oil contingency planning and emergency response by the County Council. 3. To maintain an efficient, effective and integrated transport system that meets the needs of Devon, its coastal communities and visitors. 4. To secure spatial planning policy that supports sustainable development of the coast. 5. To ensure the best use of resources through partnership working wherever possible. 6. To conserve the natural, cultural and historic environments. 7. To help deliver a sustainable and strategic approach to activity that might affect coastal processes. 8. To provide the County Council with the knowledge, information and access to good practice it requires to be able implement its actions. 9. To ensure that European, national, regional and local policy frameworks reflect the needs of Devon's coast. 10. To secure additional funding which will support the County Council's coastal role. 	Take account of the need to utilise the best use of resources, nature conservation, cultural and historical environment as well as the need for an inclusive economy. Support sustainable development at the coast.

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	11. To give the County Council the capacity and competence it requires to deliver its actions on the coast.	
Devon Rural Strategy 2003 (Devon Strategic Partnership, July 2003)	1. Achieve a prosperous and economically vibrant rural Devon by: 1.1 Supporting increased business productivity and competitiveness and diversifying the rural economy 1.2 Providing and encouraging access to high quality learning and uptake of ICT and other latest technologies 1.3 To utilise rural Devon's heritage and natural environment as a driver for economic development and regeneration. 2. Promote sustainable management of the environment by: 2.1 Helping agricultural and land-based industries to be profitable producers and environmental managers 2.2 Conserving the natural environment, landscape character and built heritage 3. Bring about a good quality of life for all by: 3.1 Enabling communities to plan and lead their own development to meet and integrate local physical, social and spiritual needs for a healthy and safe living environment. 3.2 Developing measures aimed at providing an adequate and diverse stock of affordable homes 3.3 Ensuring access for all sectors of society to relevant services and facilities. 4. Maximise the value of Devon's diversity and distinctiveness by: 4.1 Developing, marketing and adding value to rural products 4.2 Linking rural assets and local economies by enabling visitors to experience the quality and distinctiveness of rural Devon. 4.3 Ensuring that the diversity of people's different backgrounds and circumstances are appreciated and positively valued 5. Lead and co-ordinate partnership working and engagement by: 5.1 Bringing together all those with interests in, and responsibilities for, rural Devon 5.2 Encouraging local engagement and partnership working 5.2 Ensuring appropriate subsidiary in delivery	Take account of the need for affordable housing and access to services and facilities in the building of a healthy and safe living environment. Encourage the diversity of the rural economy, whilst conserving the natural environment, landscape and built heritage.
Devon Education Development Plan 2002-2007	Priority 1 Raising attainment in the Early Years towards the early learning goals and in primary education especially in literacy and numeracy Priority 2 Raising attainment in Key Stage 3 Priority 3 Raising attainment in Key Stage 4 and developing the 14-19 curriculum	Although not an objective in this plan SA should encourage consideration of lifelong learning.

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(Devon County Council, January 2002)	Priority 4 Narrowing attainment gaps/tackling underachievement Priority 5 Support for schools causing concern Priority 6 Improving the capacity of Devon schools to support each other in school improvement.	
The Social Services Strategic Programme 2004 - 2008 (Devon County Council, May 2004)	Identify the social care needs of people in Devon ... and 1. Plan and deliver a range of quality and cost effective services that are responsive to diverse needs, promote independence, equality and social inclusion, and that protect vulnerable people. Will achieve aims by: 2. Providing access to information, advice and help services, in languages and formats accessible to all, including information about entitlement to services and costs. 3. Promoting services that maximise people's independence and social inclusion. 4. Making available a single assessment process to identify the needs of individuals. 5. Prioritising services across all groups to those at greatest risk. 6. Working with service users and carers on the design of services and their delivery. 7. Supporting the efforts of individuals and communities to meet their own needs. 8. Developing the skills of our staff to enable them to effectively fulfil these purposes. 9. Assuring quality and value for money in all services by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Setting clear targets (including targets for equality of opportunity o Pursuing continuous improvement o Ensuring that businesses we contract with or who receive funding accept a commitment to Equal Opportunities. 	Encourage the provision of, and access ability to, services and facilities by the community. Also, SA should recognise need for social inclusion, equality, independence and protection of vulnerable people.
Devon Minerals Local Plan (adopted) June 2004	i) to strike a balance between the demand for all mineral resources and the need to protect the environment having regard to the principles of sustainable development; ii) to maintain a stock of permitted reserves (a landbank) for aggregate minerals in accordance with current Government advice; iii) to encourage the most appropriate use of all mineral resources and the re-use of waste minerals	Take account of the needs to stop developments sterilising mineral resources, whilst balancing the need to protect the environment,

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(Devon County Council, June 2004)	and secondary aggregates, in order to reduce the requirement for new primary resources to a minimum; iv) to protect the quality and diversity of the County's earth science and nature conservation interest, historic environment, water environment and landscape character; v) to identify Mineral Working Areas which will provide for the continued extraction of minerals, having regard to the need to avoid demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance; vi) to ensure, in consultation with local communities, that mineral sites are progressively restored to a beneficial after-use; vii) to prevent the unnecessary sterilisation of mineral resources by other forms of development; viii) to identify those mineral sites where the County Council will seek to remove the possibility of their re-opening by the service of Prohibition Orders.	nature conservation, earth science, historical features, water and the landscape. The potential for beneficial after use should be recognised.
Devon Waste Local Plan (First deposit) January 2003 (Devon County Council, January 2003) (SA undertaken)	1: PUBLIC AWARENESS To promote public awareness of the problems associated with waste management, and to encourage individuals and communities to take more responsibility for the waste that they create. 2: PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE To ensure that, where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage to the environment, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation. 3: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION To minimise any adverse effects on the environment caused by the introduction of waste management facilities, and to enhance the local environment when considering plans for site restoration and after-use. 4: SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT To ensure that any proposal for a waste management facility is achieved in as sustainable a manner as possible and represents the Best Practicable Environmental Option. 5: WASTE HIERARCHY To ensure that the management of waste is as sustainable as possible in accordance with the following waste hierarchy: a. Reduction b. Re-use c. Composting and Material Recycling d. Energy Recovery e. Final Disposal	Location of waste management facilities should follow the proximity principle after taking into account the environment, economy, and transport and its alternatives. The Waste Local Plan promotes and integrated network of waste management facilities. It identifies the opportunities available for enhancement of the environment in restoration and after use, which should be considered.

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	<p>6: PROXIMITY PRINCIPLE To encourage the provision of waste management facilities close to major centres of population, having regard to their effects on the environment and on the transport infrastructure, taking into account the economic and environmental costs and benefits of using alternative means of transport.</p> <p>7: REGIONAL SELF SUFFICIENCY To ensure that, where possible, Devon's waste is treated or disposed of within the South West Region and, in consultation with other Waste Planning Authorities in the Region, to provide for facilities with sufficient capacity to manage the anticipated waste arisings for at least ten years.</p> <p>8: INTEGRATED NETWORK OF FACILITIES To promote the establishment of an effective and integrated network of waste management facilities to serve national, regional, sub-regional and local needs.</p>	
<p>A Community Strategy for Devon 2004-2007 (Devon County Council, 2004)</p>	<p>Devon will be an even better place to live if we tackle the following challenges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make sure everyone has the chance of a home at a price they can afford 2. Provide enough homes and minimise environmental damage 3. Ensure homes are built and maintained in a way that creates healthy communities 4. Help children and young people obtain the skills, knowledge and understanding to get the most out of life, manage transitions and thrive as adults 5. Support parents and carers 6. Improve physical and mental health and promote healthy lifestyles 7. Enable young people to make a positive contribution to the community 8. Improve outcomes for children and young people looked after by the local authority 9. Protect children and young people from harm and neglect 10. Reduce, recover, re-use and recycle waste 11. Develop and implement measures to reduce congestion and manage the demand for travel 12. Manage water and mineral resources in a sustainable manner 13. Protect and improve the quality of our river and coastal environment 14. Where possible build new housing, employment sites and other facilities on previously developed land and in ways which are sensitive to the surrounding environment 15. Support landowners/managers and businesses in measures to protect and enhance biodiversity and the landscape 16. Understand, adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change 17. Improve information systems so that we can know if we are winning 18. Improve public spaces and the built environment 	<p>The Devon Community Strategy identifies challenges of Devon's need for affordable housing developments in management of resources housing, employment sites and facilities on previously developed land. Should consider these as well as improvement of public space and the built environment, including provisions to reduce fear of crime. Improvement of transport access particularly to services and facilities and to undertake actions in ways which are sensitive to the surrounding environment.</p>

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	19. Ensure an innovation friendly environment which encourages entrepreneurship 20. Raise productivity levels to the national average 21. Use the environment as an economic driver 22. Promote a culture of training and development and raise aspirations overall 23. Ensure an adaptable, skilled and flexible workforce suited to available employment opportunities 24. Improve access to vocational learning opportunities in rural Devon 25. Improve transport accessibility in rural areas 26. Work together to provide sustainable solutions to transport problems which will promote economic growth 27. Tackle those offenders responsible for volume crimes of burglary, violent crime and vehicle crime 28. Reduce the fear of crime in this low crime area 29. Tackle the effects of drug and alcohol misuse on communities 30. Increase the reporting of domestic violence and reduce the number of repeat victims 31. Reduce levels of anti-social behaviour 32. Lessen the effects and incidence of prejudice in Devon, and increase victim confidence about reporting hate crime 33. Manage safety and speed on Devon's roads 34. Tackle prejudice and champion equal opportunities and good community relations 35. Regenerate Devon's electoral wards which are among the 25% most disadvantaged in the country 36. Improve partnership working, leadership and organisational capacity 37. Raise levels of community participation and involvement 38. Improve access to services for excluded people 39. Improve economic inclusion by tackling the effects of low pay and improving access to financial services and benefits 40. Prevent illness, provide effective treatment and care and reduce health inequalities 41. Improve the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities 42. Promote the health and independence of older people 43. Support carers of vulnerable people 44. Find solutions to the housing needs of the increasingly vulnerable population 45. Improve mental health and wellbeing, including reducing harm from drug and alcohol misuse	

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<p>Local Strategic Plan 2002 – 2005</p> <p>(Devon & Cornwall Learning Skills Council, 2002)</p>	<p>Local priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. agreeing a post-16 learning plan for the three local learning partnership 'travel-to-work' areas, taking account of the very different characteristics of this sub regions and including targets for achievement and information to measure progress 2. addressing the needs of learners who are disadvantaged because they live in isolated rural areas 3. involving the employers of Devon and Cornwall in the post-16 learning agenda and increasing the number of employers investing in the continuous development of their staff 4. developing and delivering a strategy for the workforce who have been affected by the foot and mouth crisis, in line with restructuring the rural economy. <p>Key objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. extend participation in education, learning and training 2. increase engagement of employers in workforce development 3. raise achievement of young people 4. raise achievement of adults 5. raise quality of education and training and user satisfaction 	<p>Account for addressing the need to provide for the needs of learners in isolated rural areas. SA should account for workforce development, particularly rural workforce, increasing the participation in education, training and learning, raising user achievement and education provision quality.</p>
<p>Business and Improvement Plan 2004/2005</p> <p>(Connexions Cornwall and Devon, 2004)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes for young people - to raise participation and achievement levels of all young people. • Quality of service delivery/involving young people - to drive continuous improvement in all aspects of service delivery. • Partnership working - to encourage and achieve partnership working. • Value for money - Connexions services locally are delivered in an efficient and cost effective manner. 	<p>SA should consider the ability to raise participation and achievement levels of the young.</p>
<p>South Devon Area Learning Plan 2002 – 2005</p> <p>(Devon and Torbay Learning Partnership, 2002)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Essentially the task is to widen participation and generate high quality learning opportunities that will raise standards and enable individuals to lead more fulfilling lives and contribute to the development of the economy. ▪ There is an important social inclusion agenda within this, so that all people regardless of ability, age, disability, ethnicity, gender or location have the opportunities to engage in learning. To achieve this the partnership needs to maximise links to related activities, including community development programmes, the work of the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships, Family Education programmes and Sure Start initiatives. ▪ There will need to be a distinct focus on the Basic Skills agenda, addressing the imperative to raise literacy and numeracy levels to enable everyone to participate fully in society. 	<p>Need to consider the provision of high quality learning opportunities for all, and the need to minimise the barriers to learning, including travel. SA should take account of the need to enable those receiving and providing education to have the backing and means to do so.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Standards of provision need to be of the highest quality. Those concerned with leading education and training programmes should be well trained, with sufficient access to appropriate staff development opportunities, to ensure that they are able to deliver the required programmes. ▪ Learners should be well informed when selecting learning courses, well supported whilst following them and encouraged to progress to further learning at an appropriate pace. Barriers to learning continually need addressing in order to minimise their impact – whether related to cost, travel, the nature of provision [timing, hours, etc.], delivery style or lack of information. Accredited learning should be a target, but not one to pursue where the ‘first steps’ are more important or where unites accreditation is available and forms a more welcome alternative to what might be perceived as an over-demanding course. ▪ Cost effectiveness is an important criterion that will have to determine the viability of courses, but should also allow flexibility where numbers may be lower in more isolated areas. Any unnecessary duplication of provision should also be targeted to allow for the more cost effective use of resources. 	
<p>Devon Supporting People Strategy 2005/6 – 2009/10 (draft)</p> <p>Supporting People Partnership</p>	<p>Providing a better quality of life for vulnerable people to live more independently and maintain their accommodation, including older people, those with learning disabilities, mental health issues and the homeless.</p> <p>Primary purpose: Provide new framework for the housing related support sector to ensure local and national priorities are met through cost effective, good quality, flexible and accessible housing-related support services. These will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliment and deliver key priorities identified across Devon • Are based upon a detailed needs and supply gaps analysis • Are supported by additional qualitative research • Are supported by user and provider consultation 	<p>Like the Housing Strategy, should identify the high importance and increasing need for improved, more, and a mix of different types of sustainably built housing and joined up housing related support for vulnerable groups, throughout South Hams for a wide range in the community .</p>

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Local Delivery Plan to 2004/2005 (South Hams and West Devon Primary Care Trust)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access – incorporating the development of practice based budgets, Practitioners with a special interest (Psi) & GP out of hours • Prescribing – incorporating medicines management, practice budgets, community pharmacy initiatives • Enhanced Use of Community Facilities – incorporating skill mix, bed usage, MIU development, Out of hours • Older People – incorporating integration, intermediate care, falls prevention, stroke services, housing • Workforce – incorporating role redesign, learning & development and workforce planning • Individual Patient Placements – incorporating process redesign, budget management, local commissioning 	
South Devon AONB Management Plan 2004 - 2009	<p>The aims of the Management Plan</p> <p>For coast and estuaries: To maintain the highest quality of undeveloped coastal landscape as a defining feature of the AONB and an asset to the nation's natural heritage.</p> <p>For nature conservation: To conserve and enhance the diversity of wildlife habitats and species flourishing throughout the AONB.</p> <p>For the historic environment: To conserve the historic and archaeological features of the AONB and promote widespread understanding of the distinctive cultural landscape.</p> <p>For farming and agriculture: To foster a profitable mixed farming economy producing high quality food, contributing to the distinctive character of the landscape and practising the sustainable management of land, soil and water.</p> <p>For trees and woodlands: To secure the planting and management of trees, orchards and woodlands as a distinctive feature of the AONB landscape and for the many benefits they bring to nature conservation, the economy, countryside recreation, tourism, employment and amenity.</p> <p>For community well-being and involvement: To foster a sustainable high quality of life for all the residents of the AONB, with communities</p>	Should account for AONB designation into land use planning are particularly the objectives of maintaining undeveloped coastal landscapes. With respect to the AONB these should also be considered: ecological diversity, historic features, farming, opportunities for travel, recreation and leisure, and a working countryside.

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	<p>actively involved in the care and stewardship of their area.</p> <p>For countryside recreation and access: To encourage enjoyment of the AONB by residents and visitors through a wide range of recreational routes and quiet leisure opportunities.</p> <p>For awareness and communication: To engender understanding of the area's traditions, landscape character, wildlife, archaeology and countryside and an appreciation of the role the AONB designation has in protecting and enhancing the beauty of South Devon.</p> <p>For the rural economy and regeneration: To retain and develop a prosperous working countryside, with a dynamic business sector providing year-round, sustainable and well-paid employment opportunities and contributing to the special character of the area.</p> <p>For transport and highways: To enhance the contribution made to the distinctive character of the area by the historic highway and river transport networks and to develop the diversity of travel opportunities.</p> <p>For planning and development: To ensure that full account is taken of the purposes of AONB designation, when land use changes are being dealt with by the planning system.</p> <p>For AONB management and organisation: To provide effective strategic leadership in the conservation and enhancement of the AONB and to deliver real benefits to its landscape, communities and economy.</p>	
<p>South Hams Community Strategy 2003 – 2006</p> <p>(South Hams District Council, 2003)</p>	<p>Accessible Services, Supporting Active and Caring Communities Our Vision: Equity of access to services where no-one feels disadvantaged by virtue of where they live or their own personal circumstances.</p> <p>Affordable Housing Our Vision: Contributing to the viability of communities in the South Hams through the provision of affordable and well designed housing that meets the needs of local people.</p> <p>Employment And Skills Our Vision:</p>	<p>The Community Strategy visions for accessibility to services, viable communities, affordability of housing, community and business prosperity and regeneration should all be taken into account.</p>

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	Supporting sustainable communities by maintaining and enhancing the prosperity of businesses, communities and individuals and enhancing opportunities for lifelong learning. Seeking to alleviate individual poverty and help regenerate communities.	
South Hams Air Quality Strategy 2002 (South Hams District Council)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _ Secure a safe, clean, healthy way of life; and _ Maintain and enhance the distinctive quality of the environment and secure long term environmental gain. 	Take account of objectives in respect to a quality.
Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2005 - 2008 Consultation Draft (South Hams District Council, December 2004)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tackle those offenders responsible for volume crimes of burglary, violent crime and vehicle 2. Reduce the fear of crime in this low crime area 3. Tackle the effects of alcohol and drugs misuse in communities 4. Increase the reporting of domestic violence incidents 5. Reduce the number of repeat victims 6. Reduce levels of anti-social behaviour 7. Lessen the effects and incidence of prejudice due to race and religion, sexual orientation or learning disabilities 8. Increase victim confidence in reporting hate crimes 9. Manage safety and speed on South Hams roads 	Recognise planning is ability to reduce crime, and the fear of crime, through appropriate development and design, including layout, mix, location, services and accessibility. Should consider social inclusion. Should also consider environmental crime and the beneficial impact of a clean environment to a community, including crime reduction.
South Hams Leisure and Recreation Strategy- Active South Hams 2003-2013 (South Hams District Council, 2003)	<p>Main themes of the strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _ Creating the opportunity for people to be active; _ Improving facilities; _ Developing local access; _ Supporting community sports clubs; _ Encouraging co-ordination and information sharing. 	Be aware of benefits of recreation and leisure to the community. This should be reflected in the improvement of opportunities, access and facilities for these activities.

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South Hams Housing Strategy 2002-2007 (South Hams District Council, 2002)	1. Meeting housing needs in the urban and rural parts of the South Hams by working in partnership with Housing Corporation, housing associations and developers to provide housing that meets prevailing sustainability criteria. 2. Meeting the needs of homeless people. 3. Supporting People - Meeting the needs of older people, particularly those with mobility problems 4. Supporting People - Meeting the housing needs of vulnerable young People. 5. Maximising effective use of private sector housing, particularly through the use of renovation grants or other appropriate assistance, private sector leasing, encouraging sub-division of larger properties, reducing under occupation, and maximising the use of empty homes. 6. Supporting People - Meeting Special Housing Needs of the following groups:- _ Physically disabled _ Mental health _ Learning disabled _ Domestic violence _ Substance misuse	Like the Housing Strategy, should identify the high importance and increasing need for improved, more, and a mix of different types of sustainably built housing throughout South Hams for a wide range in the community.
South Hams Prosperity Strategy 2002 – 2007 (South Hams District Council, 2002)	By 2007: . An increasingly competitive local economy that harmonises with the distinctive environment . A reliable infrastructure including broadband for all . Young people being able to secure work locally in a wide range of quality employment opportunities . A much improved balance between household incomes and the cost of housing Main themes: . Improving the economic infrastructure . Supporting business growth and development . Encouraging quality jobs and earnings . Regenerating towns, villages and hinterlands	Identify opportunities for regeneration, including affordable housing, in South Hams through provision of business and employment opportunities.
South Hams Tourism & Marketing Strategy 2000 to 2005	1. To maximise the economic benefits of tourism to the district in support of a broader strategy of economic development 2. To work with the private and public sector partners to improve the competitive position of the South Hams as a quality all year round holiday destination 3. To encourage a more co-ordinated and professional approach to the marketing development and management of the industry 4. To achieve a higher recognised tourism profile for the South Hams at local, regional, national and	Take account of the strategic objective for more ecotourism benefits through development of South Hams as a sustainable year-round destination.

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(South Hams District Council, 2000)	international levels 5. To support the careful visitor management of the South Hams and develop sustainable tourism by working in partnership with other organisations, other businesses and the community	
Draft Waste Strategy and Recycling Plan 2000 to 2005 (South Hams District Council, 2000)	i) To adopt the objectives of the Local Agenda 21 group and to integrate these points within the council's Recycling Plan. ii) To significantly reduce the quantity of waste produced and disposed of within the South Hams. iii) To encourage recycling within the District to conserve natural resources, including energy usage. iv) To maximise the quantity of recyclable waste that is recovered by using the most cost effective methods. v) To adhere to the waste hierarchy to aid the implementation of our policies and strategies.	Take account of natural resource availability and conservation, and appropriate location of recycling facilities to encourage recycling in the District.
Capital Strategy and Asset Management plan 2002 (South Hams District Council)	1. Secure a sustainable level of housing for local people at affordable levels 2. Strengthen community identity, viability and vibrancy 3. Secure a safe, clean, healthy and caring community with greater access to recreational opportunities 4. Protect and enhance quality employment opportunities and support tourism, farming, fishing and local traditional industries 5. Maintain and enhance the distinctive qualities of the South Hams environment and culture 6. Help meet the needs of the disadvantaged	Consider need for sustainable affordable housing, community access to recreation and employment whilst retaining and enhancing South Hams environment and culture.
Draft South Hams Local Plan Review 2001 to 2011 (South Hams District Council)	1 To conserve, sustain and enhance the areas outstanding environmental qualities, local distinctiveness and sites of environmental importance, in terms of landscape character and diversity, wildlife and habitats, townscape and archaeology. 2 To ensure that all towns are prosperous and able to provide a full range of services for their population and that of surrounding areas. 3 To create new jobs and business opportunities in order to strengthen the local economy, including sustain- able green tourism. 4 To provide for local housing needs, particularly to minimise the loss of young people from the area. environment. 5 To promote sustainable travel and reduce journeys through the concentration of most development in and around the main towns and larger villages. 6 To ensure the proper planning of Plymouth's sub-regional needs, including consideration of a new community as proposed in the Devon Structure Plan.	Should take account of the Local Plan objectives with particular regard for sustainability issues including location of development particularly the new community, local housing, jobs and natural and cultural environment.

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	7 To look at each town and village and provide for its needs in a sustainable manner, protecting and maintaining its distinctive local character and viability.	
Dart Estuary Environmental Management Plan Undated (Dart Forum)	1. Ensure that statutory bodies, management agencies and user groups have access to high quality, up-to-date and relevant data for decision making. 2. Promote involvement of all statutory bodies, agencies and user groups in the estuary management plan process. 3. Ensure highest level possible of liaison and co-ordination between statutory bodies and others. 4. Work towards the management of the estuary in an environmentally sustainable manner 5. To work towards establishing the Dart Estuary as a model for others to follow as an example of a clean estuary. 6. To manage and enhance the recreational activities of the estuary and ensure they are consistent with the goals of sustainability and the protection of the natural beauty of the Dart. 7. To ensure that the public rights of access to the estuary by land and by water are maintained and if possible improved without threatening wildlife or its habitat. 8. To identify, protect and actively conserve sensitive and remote areas in which protection of the natural beauty and tranquillity are of primary importance. 9. To promote environmentally sustainable forms of tourism which combine enjoyment, learning opportunities and economic benefits. 10. To seek to integrate tourism initiatives with other uses wherever possible. 11. To protect the natural beauty of the Dart Estuary in recognition of its critical value as an asset to tourism. 12. To raise environmental awareness of the estuarine system and promote responsible use of resources through education and then the interpretation. 13. To interpret global aspirations for sustainability at the level in accordance with the tenets of Agenda 21 14. To recognise that the archaeological heritage of the estuary extends through the land/sea boundary. 15. To ensure that the protection of the character of settlements is reflected in local planning policies. 16. To identify and protect features of historic and archaeological importance within the estuary. 17. To raise public awareness of the heritage of the estuary. 18. To promote the economic prosperity of the estuary area within the objectives of sustainability of the estuary resources.	Should take account of opportunities to protect and enhance the environment and the estuary's natural beauty, and to bring about development and greater economic prosperity, including through tourism, in a sustainable manner.

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	19. To integrate the economic activities of the estuary and encourage its development as a whole. 20. To work towards ensuring that the future of marine culture and fisheries interests based in the Dart Estuary is secure and is carried out at a sustainable level without undue detriment to other users, owners, or the natural environment. 21. To protect existing wildlife habitat and seek to enhance the environmental quality of the estuary as a whole. 22. To raise public awareness of the value of the estuary in nature conservation terms and promote responsible behaviour. 23. To ensure that coastal protection and flood defence proposals for the area take full account of sustainability and adopt soft engineering solutions wherever practicable. 24. To preserve the visual integrity of the Dart Estuary landscape through land management policies. 25. To maintain the navigational integrity of the River Dart within its tidal waters without causing injurious impact upon the environment. 26. To continue to ensure the safety of all users of the estuary. 27. To continue to develop and improve the ability to deal with a threat from accidental pollution 28. To work towards the elimination of litter from the estuary as far as practicable. 29. To make the estuary a safe area for all users and their property.	
	<p><i>Note: other Estuary Management Plans were not readily available at the time of initial review, it is expected however that their issues and objectives are likely to be similar to those of the largest estuary, Dart Estuary.</i></p>	
Strategy for the Investigation and Remediation of Contaminated Land (Final) (South Hams District Council, 2001)	Key Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To Protect Health and the Environment ▪ to Ensure Compliance with, and Enforcement of, the Legislation ▪ to Encourage Voluntary Remediation Off-site by Polluters or Other Appropriate Persons ▪ to Ensure That Procedures Are in Place for the Open Provision of Information to the Public and Other Interested Parties ▪ to Address the Liability Issues Associated with the Councils Existing Land Holdings and Avoid Any New Liability Issues Associated with Land Acquisitions Other Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to deal with the legacy of contaminated land using the 'suitable for use' approach in and ordered and prioritised away ▪ to ensure that where redevelopment of sites takes place within the district, that the planning 	Take account of the use of 'suitable for use' approach, redevelopment deals with land contamination, and brownfield sites usage is promoted.

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	<p>process deals effectively with any land contamination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to encourage market confidence in the redevelopment of brownfield sites and therefore promotes the use of brownfield, rather than Greenfield, sites 	
<p>Plymouth Sub regional Economic Strategy (Plymouth City Council, 2001)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ diversify and restructure the economy ▪ promote wealth creating activities ▪ create the conditions for growth ▪ improved business competitiveness ▪ improve individual opportunity ▪ build on the area's assets ▪ tackle deprivation and disadvantage ▪ increase value from partnership working and economic intelligence 	<p>Should take account of potential opportunities to provide for economic growth and improve competitiveness whilst considering the need to reduce deprivation and disadvantage in the Plymouth Sub region.</p>
<p>South Hams Access to Services Strategy (South Hams District Council)</p>	<p>To improve the means by which customers can access South Hams District Council's services by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ providing customers with a single point of access to a number of Council services through a Customer Service Unit; ▪ recording a complete and unified view of the relationship between Council and customer using a Customer Relationship Management system; ▪ streamlining administrative processes by undertaking process mapping and analysing workflow and potential for document image processing; ▪ making effective use of the Devon Portal and the Council's website to provide electronic information to customers; ▪ investigating various forms of Community Access Points to provide access to information in local communities and; ▪ developing and implementing a co-ordinated communications plan to create greater awareness among customers of the services available from the Council. 	<p>SA should take account of potential opportunities to improve the way that customers interact with the Council.</p>
<p>South Hams Local Cultural Strategy 2003 – 2008 (South Hams District Council)</p>	<p>To improve the cultural well-being of the area by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ contributing to the delivery of Council priorities and; ▪ delivering the cultural needs of the community. <p>Identified themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local distinctiveness – to conserve the things that make the area and its residents distinctive and to use this distinctiveness to promote tourism in the area. ▪ Access for All – to investigate ways of addressing physical access and access shaped by personal circumstances such as health, wealth, social status and disability to cultural 	<p>SA should take account of the way that the Local Cultural Strategy feeds into the Community Strategy.</p>

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	services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active Lifestyle – to encourage use of our natural assets and interaction with others to help counter the effects of isolation. ▪ Community Spirit – to encourage local community activity and to support volunteers. 	
South Hams Implementing Electronic Government Statement 2002 (South Hams District Council, 2002)	To outline the role e-Government will play in transforming the Council and the way its services are delivered for the benefit of its customers by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ developing the number of transactions between Council and customer that are enabled for electronic service delivery to 100% by 2005; ▪ investigating additional and improving existing access channels; ▪ increasing the Council's use of electronic information systems; ▪ making greater use of e-business to improve Council efficiency and; ▪ stimulating organisational change – single customer face and cross cutting delivery. 	SA should take account of the capacity for communities to participate in e-Government.