

Timetable of events regarding the review of Village Boundaries

Small towns and parishes are invited to be involved in planning for their future development. It is hoped that a Village Boundaries Development Plan Document will be produced which identifies the Built-Up Area Boundary and development allocations for each of the villages identified in the East Devon Local Plan and is endorsed by the local communities.

Aylesbeare Parish Council has recently been invited to comment on the process that should be followed and asked for any additional considerations that should be taken into account in considering future development in the villages. This will be debated at the meeting on 5 September.

The additional sites put forward by landowners as possible housing allocations, together with those put forward as part of the SHLAA process, will be considered by the SHLAA panel at the end of August to assess whether they are technically developable. Parish Councils will then be approached with the Panel's observations and a checklist so that these can inform the second stage 'Assessing the sites identified to ensure they are suitable for development'.

September, October and November will be particularly busy months as we are asked to carry out local consultation and site assessment in order to identify the preferred site/s for development in the community. The proposed timetable for this work is as follows:

September – Workshops will be held at venues across the District to provide information about the site assessment process. Two Councillors, the Clerk and Ward Member are invited from each Parish to choose the venue most convenient to them. Maps will be provided and other material to take away. The following stages will be explained at the workshops: reviewing the settlement boundaries and identifying preferred sites for development, publicising proposed sites and boundary amendments so that the community can comment, amending the Local Plan Map.

Once the workshops have been attended each Parish Council will be asked to consider the available sites and undertake consultation to establish a preferred site/s in each village. The plans will show important features such as landscape designations, existing Built-Up Area Boundaries, conservation areas and flood plains, an aerial view and the sites assessed by the SHLAA panel so that all local communities have the same 'base' data to consider.

October – An extra 'help' session will be held so that Councillors can raise any issues or concerns arising from the consultation process.

November – It is hoped that all Parish Councils will have completed their consultation work and identified their preferred sites by 16 November. This should enable Parish Councils time to produce a short report setting out the consultation process they have followed and identifying their proposed sites/Built-up Area Boundary amendments by the end of November. This will enable EDDC to collate the responses and report to the Development Management Committee in December.