

# Councillor Report

## March 2024

### Local Plan Consultation

Consultation on the Draft Local Plan went live on Thursday evening.

This consultation addresses issues not previously addressed including Green Wedges, housing allocation sites and town centre boundaries, among others.

You can look at the information and respond, online, by email or write in. The consultation is open to receive your views for the next six weeks.

[eastdevonlocalplanspring24.commonplace.is](http://eastdevonlocalplanspring24.commonplace.is)

You will be hearing more about this from your District Councillors, Parish and Town Councils but the system is now up and running.

Please look at the Green Wedges maps between Budleigh Salterton and Knowle and have your say.

### Lyme Kiln Playpark

The official opening for the playpark was due to be on May 7th, but it has been postponed, we are waiting for a new date.

### Historical Report Information

# Glue Traps and Snares

At Overview Committee last Thursday, I presented a proposal to ban the use of glue traps and snares on all east Devon District council owned land,

The English, Scottish and Welsh governments all recognise mammals as sentient beings, able to feel pain, fear and pleasure and this has made them look at methods of inhumane pest control, and to pass legislation either fully or partially banning the use of glue traps and snares.

The proposal will now be scoped out by Officers then come back to Overview committee for debate, then it will go to Cabinet for a decision on adoption, still a long way to go!

# Car Parking Strategy

Overview Committee supported a proposal to consider and agree key principles and objectives that will form the basis of a car parking strategy to help manage car parks over the coming years. 2024 - 2030.

We have 5000 spaces across 53 locations, including 40 EV spaces and 147 disabled bays.

Why - principles and objectives intended to meet and deliver the councils overarching strategic plan.

## **Key Principles include**

Provide safe, suitable and accessible parking for residents and visitors.

Look at Charges - regularly review usage, local need and consult when making amendments, third party concessions

To embrace new Technology and legislation to benefit users - payment technologies, consistency across east Devon, trialing new products

To actively encourage tourism - seasonal discounts, local events, overnight stop overs,

Support transition to Electric Vehicles

To provide an efficient, responsive and flexible service

The strategy document will be a publicly available and local consultation on specifics.

## Tree Strategy

Overview Committee supported a proposal to develop a Tree Strategy for the whole of Devon, The draft document will be done by an external team working closely with EDDC and The Woodland Trust.

Recognises east Devon's commitment to the Climate Emergency Declaration and the importance trees have to help tackle climate change.

Protect existing trees, hedgerows and woodlands

To plant more trees

To plant, restore and maintain hedgerows in urban and rural areas.

Work closely with Parish and Town Councils, communities and environmental groups to deliver its aims, eg development of Tree Warden roles

