

## **WHIMPLE PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT ON LEADERSHIP IN PLANNING**

Whimble Parish Council (WPC) is mindful that planning within the village should be positive for the people, the economy and the environment. It actively participates in the planning process in numerous ways as detailed below.

### **Commenting on Planning Applications**

On a twice-monthly basis, WPC considers and comments on planning applications relating to Whimble that have been submitted to the local planning authority, East Devon District Council.

When considering an application, WPC considers such things as the design, location, impact on the street scene and neighbours, biodiversity and environmental impact. Comments are also made relating to district, county, regional and national policy.

### **Liaising with developers**

On large scale development, WPC liaises with developers prior to a formal planning application being submitted. The aim of this is to create better quality development that meets the needs of the Whimble community and ensure that any areas of concern can be addressed to deliver a favourable recommendation at the planning application stage. More information can be found within WPC's Meeting with Developers Protocol.

### **Creating a Neighbourhood Plan**

Whimble's Neighbourhood Plan is in the process of being drafted. Once the Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted it will form part of the statutory development plan for the Whimble area, alongside the East Devon Local Plan and the Devon Waste and Minerals Plans, and carries full weight for guiding planning applications submitted to the Council for determination and the decisions made on these. The Neighbourhood Plan will require regular review and amendment.

### **Clear Communication**

WPC uses the following resources to communicate with the community:

- Council website – [www.whimpleparishcouncil.org](http://www.whimpleparishcouncil.org)
- Facebook
- Whimble News
- WPC Planning and Council Meetings
- Noticeboards
- Consultation opportunities

These channels are used to promote communication and encourage feedback on all aspects of the WPC's work, whether positive or negative. These platforms also provide the community with an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas on upcoming development plans or projects within the community.