

Update on Planning Applications status

This update provides information on the status of planning applications that Whimble Parish Council have been consulted on by East Devon District Council (EDDC) as the Local Planning Authority.

Planning Application Reference	Date considered by Whimble PC	Whimble PC Comments	EDDC Status
14/2945/MOUT Farlands London Road Whimble Exeter EX5 2PJ Development of up to 260 houses, commercial/retail uses, public open space including youth sports pitch, vehicular access and associated infrastructure (outline application with all matters reserved except access and accompanying Environmental Statement)	22 May 2023	The council had no objection to the amended plans.	Awaiting decision
24/1524/MOUT – Land to the South of London Road (Grange Area), Cranbrook Outline planning application for a mixed use development, including residential development of up to 450 dwellings, a 750 sqm community building, a neighbourhood centre of 1600 sqm gross ground floor non residential floor space, formation of accesses from London Road (B3174), provision of SANGS and other public open space (including a MUGA), allotments and associated drainage and other infrastructure. All matters are reserved for future consideration except principal accesses.	10 September 2024	The Council provided comments to EDDC that 'Whimble Parish Council has been consulted and Baker Estates have been to speak to us. The council has no objections at this stage.	Considered again on 16 June 2025. The Council had no objection to the application. Awaiting decision

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24/1525/MOUT – Land to the South of London Road (Grange Area), Cranbrook Outline planning application for residential development of up to 89 dwellings, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The Parish Councillors very much welcome members of the public to attend and take part in Council meetings. Please take a minute to read the agenda and raise any questions or comments you may have under the Public Participation agenda item. We will do our best to respond straight away and if we're unable to we will provide a written response as soon as possible. We are grateful for your attendance and input. formation of access from London Road (B3174), provision of SANGS and other public open space together with associated drainage and other infrastructure. All matters are reserved for future consideration except principal access.	10 September 2024	The Council provided comments to EDDC that 'Whimble Parish Council has been consulted and Baker Estates have been to speak to us. The council has no objections at this stage.	Considered again on 16 June 2025. The Council had no objection to the application. Awaiting decision.
24/1098/MFUL - Land West Of Escot Park Estate Talaton Construction and operation of a ground mounted solar farm and associated landscaping and ecological habitat, with permission being required for 40 years, comprising solar arrays, equipment housing, sub-station, fencing, ancillary equipment and associated development; temporary change of use of land for construction compound (off site)	15 September 2025	The Council objects to the application on the grounds of accessibility and traffic to site, and the landscape character and visual impact.	Awaiting decision

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25/1984/VAR - The Littlefield Land South Of Hazel Grove Rockbeare. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on planning permission 24/0120/RES (approval of reserved matters (appearance, layout, access, scale and landscaping), pursuant to outline planning permission 22/2824/OUT, for the construction of four dwellings along with associated parking, landscaping and infrastructure) to replace the devon bank at the front of Plot 4 with railings for safety reasons.	3 November 2025	To reply to East Devon District Council stating that the council is not sure why it is being consulted and to comment that the view of councillors is that the proposed variation may not have the safety impact that the applicants anticipate it will	Awaiting decision
25/2641/FUL – Site adjacent to 1 Rose Cottage, Church Road, Whimble Erection of a new dwelling	2 March 2026	No objection to the application, subject to the Conservation Officer and other statutory consultees being satisfied with the proposed development.	Awaiting decision

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26/0387/VAR – Land East of Rutton Farm, Whimble, EX5 2NX. Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 6 (Tree Protection), 8 (Archaeology), 9 (Construction Management Plan), 10 (Landscape, Ecological and Biodiversity Management Plan), 12 (Drainage), 13 (Ecological Assessment), 14 (Landscaping), 15 (Soil Bearing Capacity), 16 (Substation Details) and 17 (Access Tracks, Cabinets and Fence Post Foundations) of planning permission 22/0783/MFUL (Construction and operation of a ground mounted solar farm, with permission being required for 40 years, comprising solar arrays, equipment housing, sub-station, fencing, ancillary equipment, landscaping and associated development.), to facilitate the creation additional openings in field boundaries, changes to the areas fenced, a reduction in panel clearance height, relocation of transformers, movement of internal tracks and creation of additional internal tracks, and the creation of a new access into field 1 from the public highway	7 April 2026	The Council does not object to the new proposal providing that there is a proper scheme in place for managing the impact of construction traffic on local roads particularly during public events, and all affected roads are made good after construction is complete.	Awaiting decision
26/0175/FUL - Country House Estate Whimble EX5 2NL. Temporary (up to 36 months) change of use from Class B8 (storage and distribution) to Class E(b) to enable the conversion of one vacant storage unit into an unmanned, self serve refreshment facility with a small seating area, and the siting of a portable toilet block.	20 April 2026	The Council does not object to the proposed temporary use on hygiene and Environmental Health grounds. However, it would not like to see further development on what is already there.	Application amended and being considered by the Parish Council on 7 September 2026.

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26/1259/FUL – Greenside, Whimble, Exeter, Devon, EX5 2TT Proposed single storey extensions and alterations to the existing garage, incorporating enlargement towards the dwelling and adding a pitched roof. Alteration to fenestration and addition of cladding.	6 July 2026	No objection to this application.	Approved 11 August 2026
26/1247/TRE – Ferndale, Hindstrete, Church Road, Whimble, Exeter, EX5 2TB T23 - Cherry, dismantle to ground level. T22 - Ash, crown lift to 3m above ground level on southern aspect only. T19 - Red Oak, reduce lowest northern limb away from lamppost to right angled growth point approximately 700mm from lamppost, maximum diameter of cut (MDC) 75mm. Reduce lowest eastern limb away from highway to inline with hedgerow below, MDC 50mm. Crown lift to 2.2m above ground level where overhanging garden, MDC 25mm & remove hazardous deadwood. G4 - Limes, crown lift Limes on both sides of driveway to 4m above ground level where overhanging driveway only, MDC 25mm.	6 July 2026	No objection to this application.	Approved 4 August 2026

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26/1268/MFUL – Land to the South of Tillhouse Road, Cranbrook. Hybrid application for leisure, health and commercial uses comprising: (i) full planning permission for the construction of a Leisure and Wellbeing Centre, together with associated works including access, car parking and cycle parking, public realm, hard and soft landscaping, drainage infrastructure, biodiversity enhancements, substation and associated engineering works (Site A) ; and (ii) outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except access, for a future Neighbourhood Health Centre (Use Class E(e)) (Site B); and (iii) outline planning permission, with all matters reserved for flexible commercial development (Use Classes E(c) and E(g)), or emergency service facilities, including fire and rescue service provision (sui generis use) (Site C)	6 July 2026	No objection to this application.	Awaiting decision

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26/1363/FUL – Lower Cobden, Whimble, Exeter, EX5 2PZ. Full planning permission for the change of use of Barn 5 from agricultural uses to storage and distribution (Use Class B8) (Retrospective)	3 August 26	Objected on the basis of: comments made by Cllr Kim Bloxham which related to • Impact on local roads causing safety concern around the proposed primary school • Noise issues for the proposed adjacent residential properties and create conflicts with access to the adjacent Sutable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and SANG parking area It being a retrospective planning application not allowing local residents and statutory consultees to make comments before development has commenced. Concerns relating to the impact on roosting bats and nesting birds	Awaiting decision