

## **WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT – Joan Atkins, Central Ward for full Council 12.9.23**

Discussions continue with local stakeholders re the possible **creation of a St James Community Association/Hub** – again the lack of any centralised web information about activities available has been identified as a drawback and this could fit in with work to develop Love Teignmouth.

Anti-social behaviour and drug dealing are a continuing issue in the St James area – close liaison with the Police is continuing. Residents are advised to report any incidents to the Police <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/> or 101 if the call is not urgent; or to Crimestoppers for total anonymity (0800 555 111 or online @ [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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### **REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP CHAIR**

Councillors (including District Councillors) will remember that they were circulated with the information about the submission of the plan to TDC on 28 July 2023, links to copies of all the documents as well as a copy of the Implementation, Monitoring and Review of a NHPlan document from Locality and encouraged to get to grips with the content of it all for future utilisation of the policies in assessing planning applications, when made.

<https://www.teignmouth-devon.gov.uk/teignmouth-town-council-neighbourhood-plan-2018-2033>

TDC Planning has just updated on progress, reporting positively that officers are working through, checking the documents submitted with a view to going out to the next, Regulation 16, Consultation next month, for six weeks. Examiners names are being put together and we will be consulted on a preference in due course.

It is expected that, after examination, if all goes well, that the Referendum which, if positive would see the Plan made, will take place next May, 2024. Hopefully, the Steering Group members will stay on board until the end of the year, since they may well need to be involved in answering examiner's questions but members should be aware that I will need to start taking a much reduced role in this going forward so that continuity is maintained for the future.

Teignbridge have just officially announced delays in the submission of their Revised Local Plan are to be considered at next week's Executive Committee meeting.

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### **OPCC RELATED INFORMATION**

The information from the last seminar on Road Safety, particularly bikers, was delayed due to a broken video link but it was an interesting session re speed and accidents with particular casualties being bikers and what the police are doing to engage and educate to try to reduce serious injury and fatalities plus a drone that can do time/distance calculations and read your number plate and get a ticket issued was a little disconcerting.

The next seminar is the 2<sup>nd</sup> on Serious Violence and takes place on 19 September and I will report back to the next Council Meeting.

Police information: Inspector Philp is moving on to a centralised Neighbourhood Policing role at Middlemoor and we have an earmarked replacement Inspector to take over. I am hoping he will continue the monthly Teams Meetings for OPCC advocates as they have proved very useful for both sides I think.

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