

**TOPICS RAISED AT THE WEST DEVON "OUR PLAN" CONSULTATION EVENT - 28th Feb 2015**

<b>CARE SERVICES</b>	Concern was expressed about the loss of Day Care currently provided by Harewood House. Essential to avoid social isolation of disabled parent - provides twice weekly social contact & an excursion out of the house.
<b>RAILWAY - TAVISTOCK</b>	Positive about the impact on the Bere Peninsula, if & when it happens. People wanted to know that it would happen & when. As it is funded through a significant contribution from the large housing development it is essential infrastructure in Tavistock is delivered as planned. For example a new primary school if not built would mean Tavistock children attending schools outside of Tavistock, such as B.A.
<b>CYCLE ROUTE TO TAVISTOCK</b>	The original proposal to run the cycle route alongside the railway line has been rejected as unsafe. It is believed that there is a growing need & recognition of the potential economic benefits to be gained by connecting with the Tamar Trails Centre & Gawton Gravity Hub. It was noted that the West Devon Our Plan mentioned a cycle route from Tavistock to Gawton, which would connect to the Tamar Trails & Bere Alston.
<b>B A DOCTORS SURGERY</b>	A concern was raised that patients have to go to the Abbey Surgery in Tavistock for appointments. This is not the case & people should be encouraged to be more assertive when making appointments. The Practice Manager is aware of these concerns & has been working with his reception staff to address them too.
<b>NEW HOUSING</b>	There was a general acceptance of the level of new housing proposed - that is 50 plus 36 approved &/or under construction. Concern was raised about the design, which needs to be appropriate & fit into the character of its surroundings. This is not the case for the 17 Affordable Homes currently under construction on Woolacombe Road. Some residents raised concerns about individual sites adjacent to them. Examples: the visual impact on the AONB of Long Orchard and the traffic/access issues around Woolacombe Road, as evidenced by the current construction activity. <i>Note: We are addressing these issues as part of our assessment process.</i>
<b>BUS SERVICE CUTBACKS</b>	It was suggested that the proposed reduction in the bus service from BA to Tavistock with the early morning & early evening (7 p.m. to Tavistock) being withdrawn, could impact the ability of locals to get to & from work in Tavistock. Concerns were raised that the bus service to Bere Ferrers would be cut too.
<b>DENHAM BRIDGE ROAD</b>	Several Peninsula residents evidently regard this as the principal route to Plymouth & feel it needs an upgrade.
<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TIMESCALES</b>	People were surprised at the long timescale that the Neighbourhood Plan will take to be put in place. BPP website provides the timeline for the process & the various key stages to be met.