

For Feb meeting



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Your Ref:

Date: 21 December 2022

My Ref: LEG/CMT4Property(40)ThreeCorners

Contact: Legal Services

IMPORTANT - THIS COMMUNICATION MAY AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY

Dear Ms Armitage,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012**

**MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.22/00006/TPO
(THREE CORNERS, POUNDS HILL, CREDITON) 2022**

THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE to let you know that on 21 December 2022 the Council made the above tree preservation order, a copy of which is enclosed.

In simple terms, it prohibits anyone from cutting down, topping or lopping any of the trees described in the First Schedule and shown on the map without the Council's consent.

For guidance on Tree Preservation Orders please visit the following website:
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/tree-preservation-orders/>.

The Council has made the order in the interest of preserving the visual amenity of the trees and protecting their contribution to the character of this area.

The order took effect, on a provisional basis, on 21 December 2022. It will continue in force on this basis for a further 6 months or until the order is confirmed by the Council, whichever first occurs. The Council will consider whether the order should be confirmed, that is to say, whether it should take effect formally. Before this decision is made, the people affected by the order have a right to make objections or other representations about any of the trees, groups of trees or woodlands covered by the order.

If you would like to make any objections or other comments, please make sure we receive them in writing by **03 February 2023**. Your comments must comply with regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, a copy of which is provided. Please send your comments to Legal Services, Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, EX16 6PP. All valid objections or representations will be carefully considered before a decision on whether to confirm the order is made.

Requests for alternative formats will be considered on an individual basis
Please telephone 01884 255255 or email customerfirst@middevon.gov.uk

To contact your local Councillor, his/her name and address can be obtained by visiting our website or telephoning Customer First on 01884 255255

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER, No.22/00006/TPO (THREE CORNERS, POUNDS HILL, CREDITON) 2022

The Mid Devon District Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, hereby make the following Order:-

1. Citation

This Order may be cited as Mid Devon District Council Tree Preservation Order No.22/00006/TPO (Three Corners, Pounds Hill, Crediton) 2022

Interpretation

2. Interpretation

In this Order "the authority" means the Mid Devon District Council and unless the context otherwise requires any reference in this Order to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and any reference to a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation so numbered in the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

3. Effect

(1) Subject to Article 4, this Order takes effect provisionally on the date on which it is made.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (7) of section 198 (power to make tree preservation orders) or subsection (1) of section 200 (tree preservation orders: Forestry Commissioners) and, subject the exceptions in regulations 14, no person shall:-

(a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy; or

(b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of,

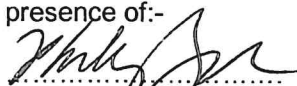
any tree specified in the Schedule to this Order except with the written consent of the authority in accordance with regulations 16 and 17, or the Secretary of State, in accordance with Regulation 23, and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.

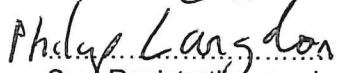
4. Application to trees to be planted pursuant to a condition

In relation to any tree identified in the first column of the Schedule by the letter "C", being a tree to be planted pursuant to a condition imposed under paragraph (a) of section 197 (planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees), this Order takes effect as from the time when the tree is planted.

Dated this 21st day of ~~DECEMBER~~ 2022

The Common Seal of MID)
DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL)
was affixed to this Order in the)
presence of:-


Authorised Officer


Seal Registration number 11266



SCHEDULE 1 SPECIFICATION OF TREES

Trees specified individually (encircled in black on the map ref.22/00006)

<u>Reference on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Situation</u>
T1	Common Beech	Tree growing along the western boundary of Three Corners, Pound Hill bordering Jockey Hill.
T2	Common Beech	Tree growing along the western boundary of Three Corners, Pound Hill bordering Jockey Hill.
T3	Common Beech	Tree growing along the western boundary of Three Corners, Pound Hill bordering Jockey Hill.
T4	Common Beech	Tree growing along the western boundary of Three Corners, Pound Hill bordering Jockey Hill.
T5	Copper Beech	Tree growing in the garden of Three Corners Pounds Hill

Trees specified by reference to an area (within a dotted black line on the map ref.)

<u>Reference on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Situation</u>
	None	

Groups of trees (within a broken black line on the map ref.)

<u>Reference on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Situation</u>
	None	

Woodlands (within a continuous black line on the map ref.)

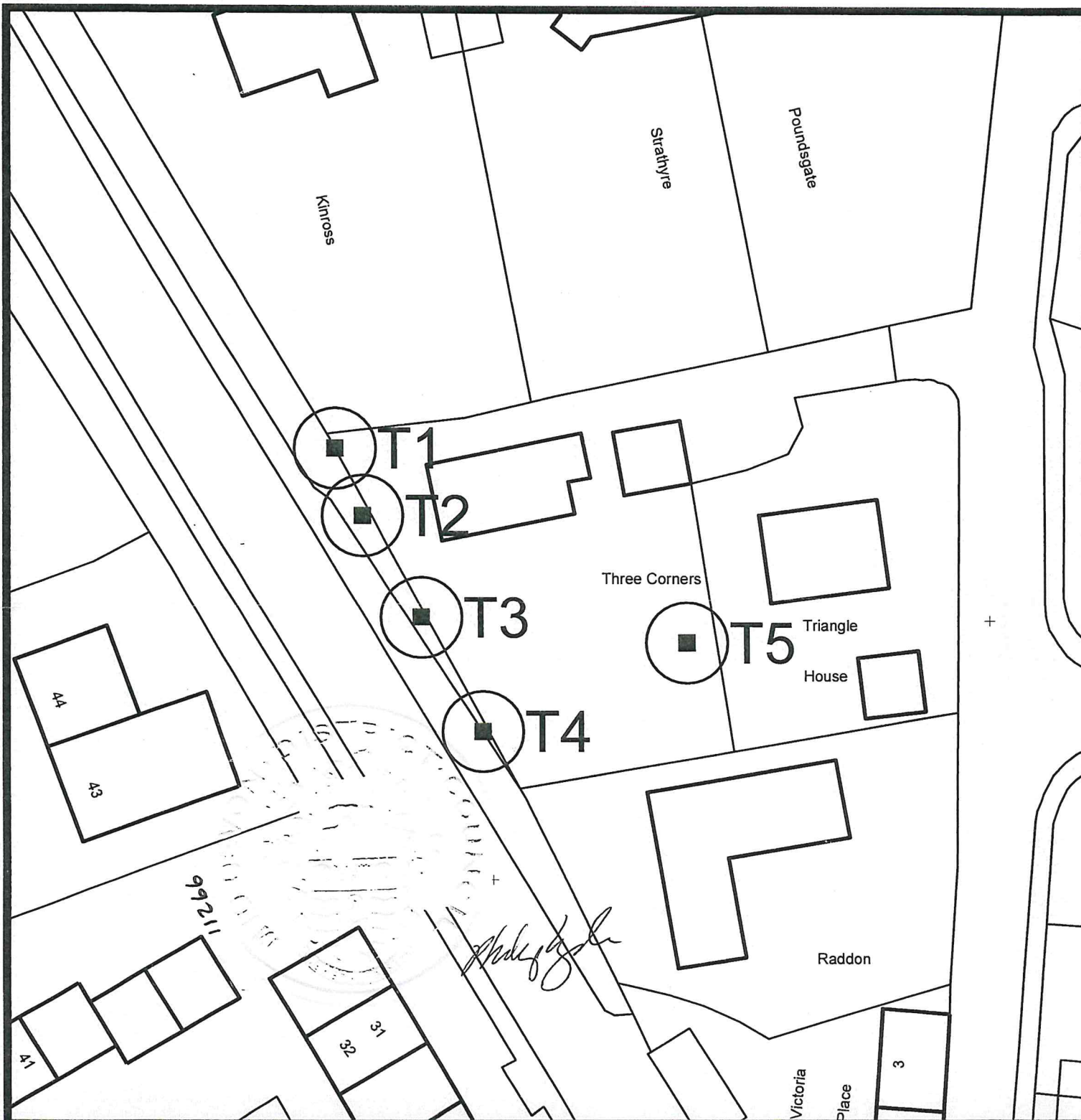
<u>Reference on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Situation</u>
	None	



Tree Preservation Order

Phoenix House
Phoenix Lane
Tiverton
EX16 6PP

Tel: 01884 255255



Three Corners Pounds Hill Crediton

Scale 1:500

Date 13th December 2022

TPO Ref 22_00006_TPO

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Three Corners, Pounds Hill
Crediton
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EX17 1DT

10th January 2023

Legal Services
Mid Devon District Council
Phoenix House
Phoenix Lane
Tiverton
EX16 6PP

Dear Sir

Re: Tree Preservation Order NO.22/00006/TPO

We object to this Tree Preservation Order with respect to the two common beech trees labelled T1 and T2 on your plan on the grounds of safety.

We request that our application to reduce the height of these two trees be reconsidered. These trees are approximately 20 meters high. One is 4 meters from our house, the other approximately 6 meters. They are adjacent to our bedroom on the upper floor of the house.

Given that it is generally accepted that there is an increasing frequency and severity of storms with accompanying high wind speeds we believe these two trees pose a significant threat to our property, ourselves and to pedestrians, motor vehicles and overhead cables on Jockey Hill. These trees are effectively isolated and are not sheltered from high winds. The trees are growing on the edge of the steep bank that extends from the pavement level in Jockey Hill up to the level of our garden. This bank is approximately 3 metres high and limits the horizontal extent of the tree roots towards Jockey Hill, which could possibly be detrimental to the stability of these trees.

We understand that the root system of beech trees can be very shallow which is not encouraging when thinking that this tree may fall on our house. We have seen many instances in local woods of fallen beech trees exposing very shallow root systems. These trees are mature forest trees, not particularly suited to a small garden setting.

Should one of these trees fall or a large branch break off the consequences could be serious. We are, of course, responsible for the safety of these trees.

The trees have grown considerably in height over the last few years and we would like to reduce the height of these two trees to a level where we are confident that they will not come down or shed major branches in high winds.

We note that the reason given for the TPO is 'visual amenity'. Should the trees be reduced in height we would expect smaller branches and foliage to grow and rapidly restore any loss of visual amenity. We also have three other large trees in our garden that contribute to visual amenity. At the moment it seems to us that visual amenity trumps the personal safety of ourselves and possibly others.

Yours sincerely,



PS
Please note that trees T3 and T5 on your plan designated as 'common beech' and 'copper beech' respectively are not beech trees.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

ECONOMIC RECOVERY – SHARED PROSPERITY FUND AND RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor Richard Chesterton, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration

Responsible Officer: Richard Marsh, Director of Place

Reason for Report: To seek member approval for the submission of an 'Addendum' to the Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan for Mid Devon in order to draw down the Rural England Prosperity Fund allocation.

Recommendation: That Cabinet:

- I. Approves the investment priorities set out in the Rural England Prosperity Fund Addendum and the level of proposed investment in each priority area.**
- II. Delegated authority be given to the Director of Place (in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Planning and Economic Regeneration) to finalise the funding priorities and submit the bid on behalf of the Council.**

Financial Implications: Under the Rural England Prosperity Fund, the Government has allocated £817,672 to Mid Devon for the period 2023-25, to support rural businesses and local communities under its Levelling Up agenda. This funding builds on and complements the £1,064,159 already allocated under the Shared Prosperity Fund. However, it is unlikely that we will get final confirmation on the Shared Prosperity Fund until after the November autumn financial statement.

Budget and Policy Framework: The Government has not allocated any administrative or management budget for the Rural England Prosperity Fund, and staffing costs for delivery of REPF activities will need to be found within the UKSPF 4% allocation for administration and management.

The REPF funding will help deliver projects which contribute towards both the Council's Economic Strategy and its Corporate Plan 2020-24.

Legal Implications: Once the SPF Investment Plan and REPF Addendum is approved by Government, the scheme will be subject to a grant agreement – details of which have not yet been released. In addition, in order to deliver the initiatives under the scheme separate legal agreements will need to be signed with delivery partners and grant recipients. The Council will act as the Accountable Body for the scheme.

Risk Assessment: Given the budgetary challenges facing the UK, there is a risk that the Government may need to modify their commitment to funding this programme. We

are yet to receive feedback on the SPF Implementation Plans, submitted in August, and final approval is unlikely until after the autumn financial statement. In the meantime, we continue to plan for implementation of the plan as soon as approval is obtained.

Equality Impact Assessment: The Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and Rural England Prosperity Fund aims to help address inequalities in our communities, particularly through skills development, wage growth and community infrastructure. Individual projects will have their own equality impact assessed as part of the detailed planning for delivery.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: The SPF Investment Plan and REPF Addendum, directly address a number of objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2020-24, as set out in the report below.

- Promote economic development and greater economic diversity
- Reduce long-distance commuting
- Increase the number of higher skilled, better paid jobs
- Incubation space, grow-on space and places to expand
- Promote low carbon communities - decarbonisation
- Promote a local economy - People living, working, eating, shopping and spending locally
- Greater digital connectivity in rural areas
- Support for clean growth industries
- A thriving agricultural sector that showcases farm-to-fork practices and low food miles to market

Impact on Climate Change: Climate change and the necessity for businesses to transition to a Low Carbon Economy is a recurring theme within the SPF Investment Plan. All grant schemes will ask applicants how their proposed activities support business de-carbonisation. The Rural Uplift will also include a scheme to fund Community Energy Projects to support community-led renewal energy initiatives.

1.0 Introduction

In the last couple of years the Government has announced a series of funding schemes to aid economic growth and recovery and support the 'levelling up' agenda, including the Levelling Up Fund, the Community Renewal Fund, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and most recently the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF). This report provides a summary of the Council's proposed submission to the REPF as an addendum to SPF Investment Plan, which was submitted in August. Following the ending of EU funding, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will be the main funding mechanism for local economic interventions over the next three years, and the Mid Devon SPF Investment Plan will form the strategic framework for local economic activity.

2.0 Rural England Prosperity Fund ('Rural Fund')

2.1 In September, the Government announced a £110 million 'Rural England Prosperity Fund' as a top-up for rural districts 'to build on and complement the Shared Prosperity Fund' (SPF). Like the SPF, this fund supports the

Government's Levelling Up White Paper and the Future Farming Programme and replaces LEADER and Growth Programme funding which were part of the EU-funded Rural Development Programme. The Shared Prosperity Fund will be the main funding mechanism for local economic interventions over the next three years, and the SPF Investment Plan forms the strategic framework for local economic activity.

2.2 The Rural Fund will support capital projects for small businesses and community infrastructure over a two year period from April 2023 to Mar 2025. Mid Devon has been allocated £817,672, on top of the £1,064,159 already announced as part of the Shared Prosperity Fund.

2.3 The Rural Fund guidelines state the programme will provide capital funding to:

- support new and existing rural businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams
- support new and improved community infrastructure, providing essential community services and assets for local people and businesses to benefit the local economy

The definition of 'rural' in the REPF guidelines, allows for the funding to be applied across the whole of the district.

2.4 To access the funding the Council needs to complete a 'short addendum' that includes additional information to the already submitted Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) Investment Plan, outlining how the Council will use the extra funding and justifying its plans. Proposals for interventions under the Rural Prosperity Fund need to align as much as possible with the SPF Investment Plan.

2.5 The Investment Priorities for the Shared Prosperity Fund were approved subject to final adjustments by Cabinet on the 7th July 2022 and submitted by the application deadline of the 1st August. The final bid included the following investment priorities and indicative budgets.

SPF Investment Priority	
Communities and Place	
Support for revitalising our town centres by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the public realm • Supporting an improved retail offer • Bringing vacant shops back into use • Renovating and restructuring under-utilised buildings • Promoting a programme of events, festivals • Supporting an improved cultural and leisure offer 	£104,000
Support a thriving agricultural sector that showcases field-to-fork practices and low food miles to market	£50,000
Strengthening the Visitor Economy	£49,000
Supporting Local Businesses	
Support for local start-ups and micro-businesses (SMEs)	£208,000

SPF Investment Priority	
Support the development of incubation and flexible work-space	£285,000 capital
	£109,000 revenue
Support for business innovation and adoption of modern processes and advanced technology by local start-ups and micro-businesses	£118,000
People & Skills	
Support for young people not in employment (or underemployed)	£50,000
Support for an inclusive workforce	£40,000
Support workforce development in skills for a new economy – Green Skills	£50,000

2.6 The Rural England Prosperity Fund includes only two of the three SPF priority areas - Supporting Local Businesses and Supporting Rural Communities - but does not include the third priority 'People and Skills'.

3.0 Proposals for Rural Fund investment

3.1 The Rural England Prosperity Fund guidelines have defined a number of interventions under its two priorities; Supporting Local Businesses and Supporting Rural Communities. The interventions we propose to use are as follows:

Supporting Local Businesses

- Capital grant funding for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas
- Capital grant funding for growing the local social economy and supporting innovation
- Capital grant funding for developing and promoting the visitor economy

Supporting Rural Communities

- Capital grant funding for investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities
- Capital grant funding for investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups

The following paragraphs show how the proposed local interventions meet the REPF defined interventions as noted above, and align with the interventions in the SPF Investment Plan.

3.2 Capital grant funding for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas

a) Business Innovation Grants

£118k has already been identified under the Shared Prosperity Fund to support Business Innovation Grants in 2024-25. This would include capital grants to support rural micro-businesses innovate and adopt new technology and processes so that they can take the next step towards 'transformational' change, increase jobs, increase productivity and support de-carbonisation.

Capital funding from the Rural England Prosperity Fund will allow this scheme to be expanded and extended to 2023-24 thus allowing more businesses to access the funding and increasing job creation and productivity, including support for diversification of farm businesses.

Proposed REPF Investment: £157,000

b) Farm to Fork Capital Grants

Under the Shared Prosperity Fund, £50k of revenue funding was identified for work with farmers, local producers, retailers and hospitality businesses to strengthen the local food supply chain, by

- promoting direct supply through box schemes, farmers markets, farm shops, local packers / distributors, local independent retailers
- linking local food producers and local food businesses (retailers and hospitality) through 'meet the buyer' events, and
- stimulating demand through 'Buy Local' campaigns, promoting local markets, and expanding food tourism.

A further investment of capital funding under the Rural England Shared Prosperity Fund will allow an open-application capital grants under a LEADER-style programme to support rural micro-businesses develop, produce and market local food and drink products and its direct supply to consumers.

Proposed REPF Investment: £150,000

c) Market Area Enhancements

Linked to the SPF priority of 'Supporting the development of incubation and flexible work-space', this project would involve the development of work-hub / flexible workspace / maker unit facilities in the market area of Tiverton to support rural micro businesses start-ups and marketing initiatives in conjunction with the Pannier Market and improve the vibrancy of the town centre.

Proposed REPF Investment: £100,000

3.3 Capital grant funding for growing the local social economy and supporting innovation

a) Supporting Community Businesses and Community Infrastructure.

Under the Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan, £60k was identified to support the development of rural work-hubs as part of multi-functional community-owned facilities such as village halls.

Investment through the Rural England Prosperity Fund would allow further funding support for community businesses such as community shops, community pubs, and community energy organisations, to help the growth of the local social economy, support community infrastructure, and facilitate community-level de-carbonisation projects. This priority would include a digital uplift to ensure community facilities have adequate digital connection to support rural business activities. This theme links to a number of interventions in the REPF including:

- growing the social economy
- supporting innovation
- investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities
- investment in infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups

This local intervention also meets two further REPF defined interventions

- Capital grant funding for investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities
- Capital grant funding for investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups

Proposed REPF Investment: £150,000

b) Business Innovation Centre

Under the Shared Prosperity Fund, £100k of capital funding was identified to support the development of a Business Innovation Centre, incorporating design space, rapid prototyping facilities (eg 3D printing), augmented/virtual reality labs and traditional laboratory space, complemented by hot-desking facilities and spaces for businesses to connect with their customers both in-person and virtually. Investment of £50k from the Rural Fund will bring forward the delivery of this project and allow more business to benefit.

Proposed REPF Investment: £50,000

3.4 Capital grant funding for developing and promoting the visitor economy

a) Sustainable Tourism Capital Grants

Under the Shared Prosperity Fund £50k revenue funding was identified to support a raft of initiatives to promote and extend the local visitor economy, including developing a Mid Devon Walking Festival; facilitating a range of tourism trails; improving signage on major entry points into Mid Devon; visitor information and interpretation boards. Further investment of £60k under the Rural England Prosperity Fund, will allow this work to be extended to other areas of the district, and support further work on better signage, visitor information and interpretation boards.

Proposed Investment from REPF: £60,000

In addition investment of capital funding from the Rural England Shared Prosperity Fund will allow an open-application capital grants programme under a LEADER-style programme, to support rural micro-businesses to develop quality visitor attractions and experiences to increase the offer to visitors and to support farm diversification

Proposed Investment from REPF: £150,000

3.5 Appendix A shows how the REPF interventions align with the agreed SPF interventions, and the indicative total funding available under each investment priority.

3.6 The following table gives a summary of the proposed interventions under the REPF and profiled over the two years of the programme

	Intervention	2023-24	2024-25	TOTALS
	REPF Allocation	25%	75%	
		£204,250	£612,750	£817,000
	Supporting Local Business			
1.1	Innovation & Technology grants	£50,000	£107,000	£157,000
1.2	Field to Fork capital grants	£50,000	£100,000	£150,000
1.3	Market Area Enhancements		£100,000	£100,000
2.2	Business Innovation Centre	£50,000		£50,000
3.1	Sustainable Tourism		£60,000	£60,000
	Sustainable Tourism capital grants	£50,000	£100,000	£150,000
	Supporting Rural Communities			
4.1	Supporting Community Businesses and Community Infrastructure		£150,000	£150,000
	TOTAL	£200,000	£617,000	£817,000

3.7 During the last two weeks we have been consulting with rural stakeholders through the reference group set up as part of the Shared Prosperity Fund, and made up of local statutory, community and private sector partners, including representatives from the National Farmers Union NFU, and Countryside Landowners and Rural Businesses Association CLA. Their comments have been incorporated into the bid. We have also sort endorsement from our local MPs, as required by the funding guidelines.

3.8 The deadline for submission of the REPF Addendum is the 30th November. Following submission, the investment plan will be appraised by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). They have not stated the deadline for approval, but projects should be able to start from April 2023.

4.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

- 4.1 This report seeks member approval for the investment priorities identified above with an indicative level of funding under each priority. It then seeks delegated authority for the Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Planning and Economic Regeneration, to finalise and submit the addendum bid on behalf of the Council to DEFRA.

Contact for more Information:

John Bodley Scott, 07967 179699, jbodleyscott@middevon.gov.uk,

Circulation of the Report: Cabinet Member– Cllr Richard Chesterton], Cabinet, Leadership Team

List of Background Papers:

Appendix A – Summary of SPF an REPF Interventions

Appendix A – Summary of SPF Interventions and Proposed REPF Interventions

SPF Investment Priority	SPF Interventions	Proposed REPF Interventions
Support for local start-ups and micro-businesses (SMEs)	Business Support £208,000	
Support the development of incubation and flexible work-space	Work Hub Development £182,000	Market Area Enhancements (£100,000)
Support for business innovation and adoption of modern processes and advanced technology by local start-ups and micro-businesses	Business Innovation Centre(s) – £213,000 Business Innovation and Technology Grants £118,000	(+ £50,000) Business Innovation Grants (+ £157,000)
Support a thriving agricultural sector that showcases field-to-fork practices and low food miles to market	Field to Fork initiatives £50,000	Field to Fork capital grants (£150,000)
Strengthening the Visitor Economy	Supporting the Visitor Economy £49,000	Supporting the Visitor Economy (+ £60,000) Sustainable Tourism capital grants (£150,000)
Revitalise our town centres by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the public realm Supporting an improved retail offer Bringing vacant shops back into use Promoting a programme of events, festivals 	Love Your Town Centre £104,000	
		Supporting Community Businesses and Community Infrastructure (£150,000)

SPF Investment Priority	SPF Interventions	Proposed REPF Interventions
Increase the number of higher skilled, better paid jobs	Support for young people not in employment £50,000 Support for an Inclusive workforce £40,000 Support for upskilling workers in new skills for a new economy £50,000	
Total Investment	£1,064,000	£817,000

Crediton Town Council

Strategic Plan 2021-2025



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Foreword

Crediton Town Council approved its first Strategic Plan in 2017. Since then, service delivery to the community has increased. This document focuses on our core objectives, and will enable us to measure our progress.

We are facing a more difficult operating environment with reductions in services once provided by both Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council. We have already taken on some services previously delivered by these authorities and feel that Crediton deserves and needs investment in its future.

Crediton Town Council continually reviews and updates its policies and priorities; town councillors and staff look forward to being able to deliver these over this plan period.



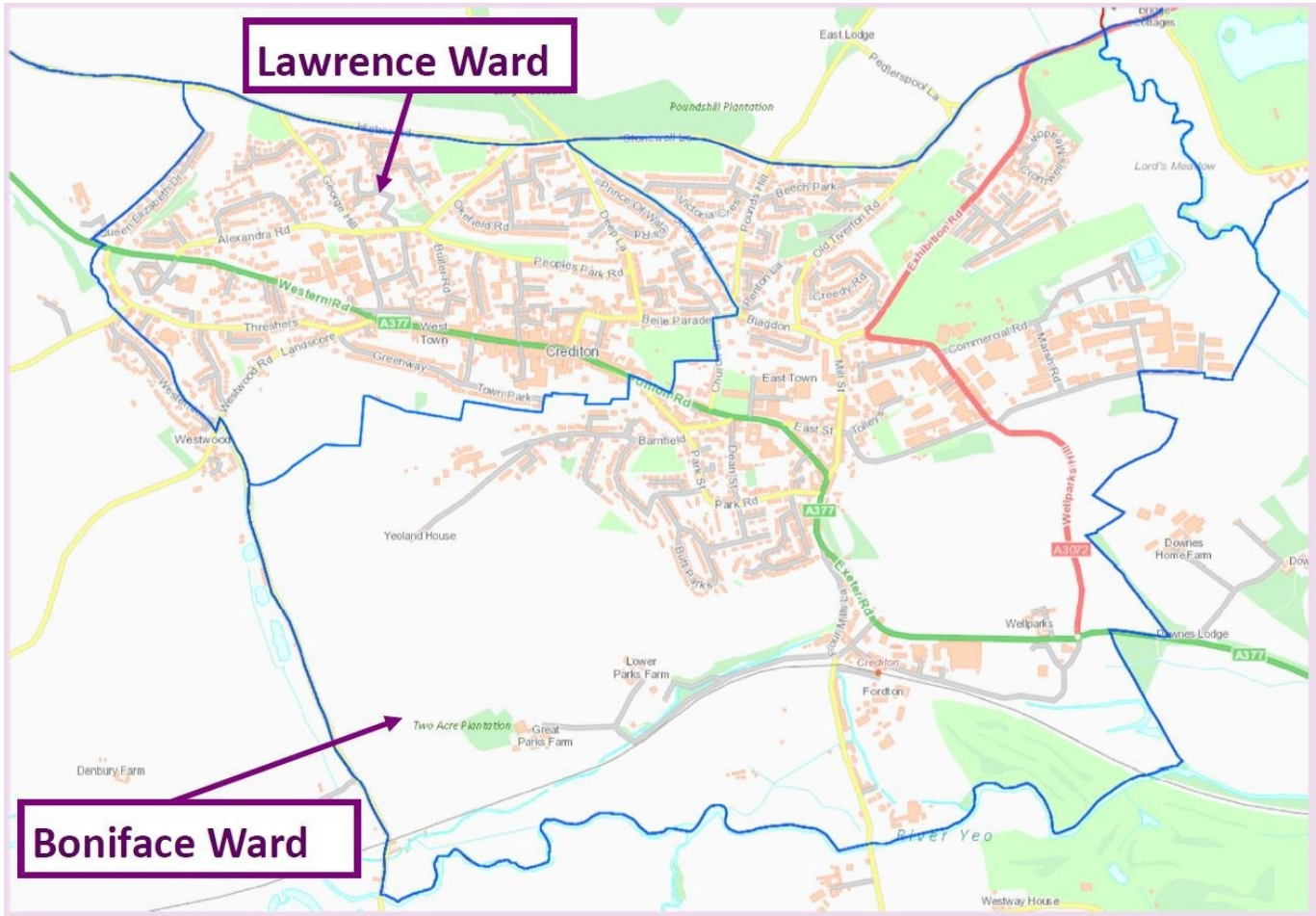


Crediton had 7,600 residents in the 2011 census but we expect this to have risen considerably due to recent development within the town.

Crediton Town Council is the third tier of local government after Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council. Our role is to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the community, and to provide leadership through community governance and engagement in a democratic and representational way.

Councillors

Councillor information to be added after May elections.



Committees

Community and Environment

Meeting every month, oversees the maintenance of council-owned property and assets and is responsible for the formulation of future maintenance planning, administration of the council's three allotment sites, administration of public open spaces and other projects such as Floral Crediton

Council Affairs and Finance

Meeting every month, is responsible for monitoring the council's financial position and staffing matters, recruitment and training alongside deciding council policy

Planning and Town Strategy

Comments on planning, licensing and highway applications, alongside being responsible for the Neighbourhood Plan and other community events and initiatives

Climate Change and Sustainability

Meeting every month, oversees the review of policies and practices for achieving low carbon/carbon neutral operations and sustainability within the council, and working with our partners on this issue

Additional sub-committees support work undertaken by the council:
Parish Paths, Grants and Christmas in Crediton



Review of our Strategic Plan 2017-22

The Strategic Plan focused on the following core aims:

- 1) Managed development within Crediton
- 2) Protecting and preserving public services, facilities and open spaces and ensuring they are provided in a more sustainable way
- 3) Building and maintaining relations with statutory agencies, local community organisations and groups
- 4) Encouraging economic development and tourism opportunities
- 5) Better serving the community by increasing services offered and ensuring they meet its needs to build, strengthen and grow.

The new Strategic Plan aims to build on these objectives and actions in order to enhance the services we provide and improve our delivery.

Reviewing our progress 2017-22

1) Managed Development

- Continued to make comments on applications and developments to the Local Planning Authority
- Progressed work on the Neighbourhood Plan
- Responded to statutory planning documents such as the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan, the Local Plan and associated Design Guide

2) Public Services

- Purchased public conveniences at Newcombes Meadow
- Grass verge cutting, previously undertaken by Devon County Council

3) Relationships

- Continued grant provision for community groups and organisations
- Councillor representation to outside bodies as requested

4) Economic Development


- Organised events that promote the town
- Supported other local events

5) Serving the community

- Supported provision of youth services
- Investigated potential of Old Landscore School as a public asset

Objective 1

Managing Development

- 
- An aerial photograph showing a town with a mix of residential buildings and green spaces, surrounded by rolling hills and fields under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The town is densely packed with houses and some larger buildings, with a mix of green lawns and trees. The surrounding landscape consists of rolling hills and fields, some of which are plowed, showing dark brown soil. The sky is a clear blue with a few white clouds.
- Finalise the Neighbourhood Plan for Crediton
 - Ensure that Crediton Town Council plays an active role in planning decisions
 - Improve areas within the control of Crediton Town Council
 - Encourage sustainable development where possible, as a commitment to the Climate Emergency
 - Engage with the Local Planning Authority on the allocation of developer contributions to appropriate projects in the town
 - Work with our partners to make Crediton a connected town, with cycle route provision being a high priority

Objective 2

Providing Services

- 
- Consider the value to the community and financial implications of taking on devolved services from Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council to ensure the retention, as far as possible, of services such as grass verge cutting and seasonal bedding
 - Work towards our open spaces being accessible to all
 - Continue to provide allotments on the three council-owned sites
 - To ensure that we offer good value for money when providing services, facilities and open spaces
 - To provide and maintain a public realm CCTV system

Objective 3

Building Relationships



- Offer strong leadership
- Continue to provide community grants to groups and organisations, to enhance the health, wellbeing and future of Crediton
- Maintain and develop our relationships with partners, community groups and organisations and create multi channel communication
- Provide excellent service at all times
- Work always within legislation and best practice

Objective 4

Promoting Crediton



- Encourage and work with partnership organisations in organising community events and projects that attract visitors
- Develop the successful Christmas in Crediton and Floral Crediton events
- Ensure the preservation of the town's historic assets
- Support local businesses, where possible, to safeguard the High Street
- Provide good quality, accessible public conveniences and attractive open spaces
- Continue town maintenance services, taking pride in where we live

Objective 5

Strengthening our community.

- Address the Climate Emergency through emerging policy and practical changes in how we deliver services, carry out maintenance of public spaces and organise our own administration
- Maintain financial support and management to the provision of youth work
- Work collaboratively with existing groups and stakeholders to promote the character and importance of our town
- To raise our standards by participating in accredited award schemes



Measuring our progress

This plan focuses the council on its core aims over the next four years, through which we can deliver a vision for improving Croydon for those who live here and those who visit.

Regular monitoring of the report against actual progress will be integral to delivering the objectives set out.

Staff are committed to providing reports on the progress of these objectives, and will share updates with the Council Affairs and Finance committee on a quarterly basis.

Annual reports will also form part of the delivery of this plan and these will be actively communicated to the public through the website, social media channels and newsletters.

For further information, please visit our website
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or contact our office
01363 773717

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Notice of publication: Silverton Neighbourhood Plan

REGULATION 16 – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 AND THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

SUBJECT

Silverton Neighbourhood Plan

DETAILS

Silverton Parish Council as the qualifying body has prepared a neighbourhood plan for the parish of Silverton with the help of the local community. The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

WHERE CAN THE PLAN BE INSPECTED?

Copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation are available to view on the Mid Devon District Council website: [Silverton Neighbourhood Plan - MIDDEVON.GOV.UK](https://www.middevon.gov.uk/silverton-neighbourhood-plan)

Printed copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation are available for inspection at the following locations:

- MDDC Offices (Reception), Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP (by appointment only)
- St Mary Church, Church Road, Silverton, Exeter, EX5 4HS
- Cullompton Library, The Hayridge, Exeter Hill, Cullompton EX16 6SA

HOW TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS

Please email comments to planningconsultations@middevon.gov.uk, making sure you include your name and address. You must provide these details for your response to be considered as a valid representation.

Comment forms are available on Silverton Neighbourhood Plan web page (see link above) and at the locations where the plan can be viewed, should you wish to use one. These forms can be returned by email (as above) or posted to: Forward Planning, Planning Services, Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, EX16 6PP.

All comments must be received by 12 noon on Friday 3rd March 2023.

NOTICE

Any representations may include a request to be notified regarding Mid Devon District Council's decision under Regulation 19 whether to 'make' the Silverton Neighbourhood Plan.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Report by: Town Clerk
To: Planning and Town Strategy Committee
Date: 17 May 2022

Recommendation

That the Planning and Town Strategy Committee considers and agrees initial plans for the Kings Coronation weekend, for approval by Full Council where necessary.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To discuss plans for the Kings Coronation.
- 1.2 To consider any financial contributions, for approval by Full Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 A programme of events has been released by Buckingham Palace, to include:
 - Saturday 06 May – Coronation service at Westminster Abbey
 - Sunday 07 May – Big Lunch
 - Monday 08 May – The Big Help Out
- 2.2 The Town Council were an integral part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and in marking the death of the Queen.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Coronation celebrations will cover aspects of the national events, and some additional locally planned (below proposal are to be confirmed or considered by the committee):
 - Friday 05 May – Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Cross
 - Sunday 07 May – Big Lunch on Town Square, to incorporate food and entertainment, with stalls to provide information on volunteering (focus on following day).
- 3.2 To agree council involvement in The Big Help Out.
- 3.3 To agree partnership working and further meetings.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 To enable events to take place, Full Council are requested to consider the following recommendations made by the Council Affairs Committee:
 - That funds be allocated from reserves to provide events
 - That staff running events receive part payment and part time of in lieu for attending and running events.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The planned schedule would provide a host of activities, suitable for all sectors of the Crediton community and will be managed safely.