



Statement on Leadership in Planning for the future

Credition Town Council (CTC) has always been mindful that planning within the town 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 monthly basis, CTC considers and comments on planning applications relating to Credition that have been submitted to the local planning authority, Mid Devon District Council, using its adopted 'Planning Applications Policy'.

When considering an application, CTC 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.

Community Consultations

CTC works with partner organisations and stakeholders to deliver information sessions on future planning for Credition. Feedback is sought and used in responding to issues, where possible.

Liaising with developers

On large scale development, CTC 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 Credition 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 CTC's adopted 'Protocol for Meeting with Developers'.

Creating a Neighbourhood Plan

Credition's Neighbourhood Plan was made on 26 October 2022. The Credition Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for the Credition area, alongside the Mid Devon Local Plan and the Devon Waste and Minerals Plans and carries full weight for guiding planning applications submitted for determination and the decisions made on these. The Neighbourhood Plan will require regular review and amendment.

Clear Communication

CTC uses the following resources to communicate with the community:

- Website
- Social media pages
- Newsletter
- Annual report
- Meetings
- Noticeboards
- Consultation opportunities.

These channels are used to promote communication and encourage feedback on all aspects of the CTC'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.