



# Authority's Monitoring Report

Summary Leaflet



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# Key facts about Mid Devon

- Population: 79,500 (up 14% since 2001)
- Population has grown at a faster rate than the rest of Devon, the South West and England
- Service sector accounts for 75% of employment, but recent growth in the industrial / manufacturing sector
- 20.3% of households include a member with a disability and 60+ age group is increasing
- Housing affordability remains an issue, though the earnings to prices ratio for Mid Devon is similar to the rest of the country
- House prices have decreased this year having fluctuated since 2008
- Second home ownership is below Devon average

## Sustainable communities and the environment

- 65% of new housing is on brownfield land
- Efficient use of land – 67% of housing built at over 30 dwellings per hectare
- 42% of new employment development is on brownfield land
- No applications were approved where there were outstanding objections from the Environment Agency
- Five new Conservation Area and Management Plans were adopted in 2015/2016
- Conservation Area Appraisals are progressing
- £41,399 spent on public open space (from developer contributions)

## Progress on Local Plan preparation

- Adopted Local Plan in place for planning strategy to the year 2026
- Consultation on Local Plan Review and CIL took place Jan - Feb 2017
- Adoption of Local Plan and CIL anticipated for January 2018
- Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension 'Area A' Masterplan Supplementary Planning document adopted
- 'Area B' Masterplan in early stages of preparation
- Landscape Sensitivity Assessment Supplementary Planning Document - adopted 2016
- North West Cullompton Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document adopted 2016
- Refuse Storage Supplementary Planning Document - adopted Feb 2017

## Housing

- Number of planning permissions now stands at it's highest figure since 2002/2003.
- Against the requirement of 2952 dwellings, Mid Devon's five year housing supply stands at 4.38 years
- 1665 dwellings with planning permission
- 347 dwellings under construction
- 288 dwellings built, including 22 affordable dwellings (target not met)
- Delivery of gypsy and traveller accommodation is on target

## Employment

- 58 hectares of employment land available
- Increasing take-up of allocated sites
- Slight decrease in town centre activity (pedestrian footfall)
- Unemployment slightly higher than last year but remains below the regional average

