

# TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

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## **NDDC DRAFT DEVELOPMENT BRIEFS FOR ANCHORWOOD BANK AND QUEEN STREET/ BEAR STREET, AND DRAFT BEST PRACTICE NOTE ON DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Three draft Supplementary Planning Documents for public consultation have been produced by NDDC to supplement policies and proposals contained in the adopted North Devon Local Plan.

The purpose of the development briefs for Anchorwood Bank, and for Queen Street/Bear Street is to provide planning and transportation frameworks to ensure that these strategically important sites are redeveloped comprehensively in a co-ordinated manner.

The Best Practice Note sets out the general principles relating to developer contributions required for new developments, the mechanisms to achieve provision of social and physical infrastructure, and procedures for providing financial contributions.

All of these documents, together with the Sustainability Appraisals, can be viewed on the NDDC website:

[www.northdevon.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/localplan)

or at NDDC Planning Reception, Civic Centre, Barnstaple during office hours, and at all public libraries within the North Devon District.

Please let me have any comments by:

**Sunday, 17th. December 2006**

## **NDDC PLANNING: TWENTY-TWO AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS AT VELATOR BRIDGE**

It has just come to my notice that there is a current planning application to build twenty-two affordable dwellings on land adjacent to 86 Velator, Velator Bridge, Braunton. EX38 2BG.

For your information, the plans for this application can be viewed at the NDDC Planning Reception, Civic Centre, Barnstaple during office hours, or on the NDDC website:

[www.northdevon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/planning)

The Planning Officer is Mr. R. Pedlar.

Please let me have any comments **before Christmas**.

I have, once again, requested that NDDC keeps us informed of planning applications affecting the estuary.

## **BRAUNTON BURROWS PUBLIC MEETING ON 16th. NOVEMBER 2006: REPORT**

James Diamond of Natural England led this meeting at Braunton Parish Hall. James, together with John Loch, representing MOD/Defence Estates and John Breeds, now the Braunton Burrows Education Warden, gave presentations on the work of their organisations in the revised management of Braunton Burrows. Barry Greasley, the full-time Ministry of Defence Warden on Braunton Burrows was also in attendance.

The meeting was well attended by members of the public, who were asked to contribute their understanding of, and aspirations for, the management of Braunton Burrows. The results of the workshops that took place during the evening will be collated and made available by James, and all of this information, when available, will then be placed on the TTEF website:

[www.ttef.org.uk](http://www.ttef.org.uk)

and in the Braunton Burrows Files located in Braunton, Barnstaple and Bideford Public Libraries.

To reflect the recent changes in the management of Braunton Burrows, an updated list of contact details has been drawn up by John Breeds. This list is **attached**, and can also be found on the TTEF website and in the Braunton Burrows Files.

## **APPLEDORE FISH DOCK TDC PLANNING APPLICATION:**

The TTEF letter of response to this application is **attached** for your information. I understand from the North Devon Journal that this application was approved on Thursday, 23rd. November 2006, subject to an environmental impact assessment, which is expected to take 21 days to prepare.

## **MARINE BILL: PRESENT POSITION**

You will all be aware that the Marine Bill did not figure in the Queen's Speech at the Opening of Parliament. After all of the effort we put into our response to the public consultation on the Marine Bill, this was a considerable disappointment. Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer expressed her own disappointment at the omission of the Marine Bill from the Queen's Speech in her Response to the Speech in the House of Lords, and she used the TTEF as an example of a voluntary forum "trying to deal with all the pressures which are a microcosm of what is happening at a national level". A copy of Baroness Miller's speech made at 3.38 p.m. on 16th. November 2006 can be found on the Hansard – Lords/Houses of Parliament website:

[www.publications.parliament.uk](http://www.publications.parliament.uk)

For further information on the Marine Bill, I have since received a copy of a letter to all Marine Bill Stakeholders from Dave Bench, Head of the Marine Legislation Division of Defra, advising us that a White Paper giving more detailed proposals will now be published early in 2007. There will be a full 12-week consultation period, when we will once again have an opportunity to put forward our views.

A letter has also been received from Professor Laurence Mee of the Devon Maritime Forum, expressing his disappointment that the Marine Bill was omitted from The Queen's Speech. However, he brings to our notice that

the EU Marine Strategy Directive is increasing the momentum across Europe for the adoption of marine spatial planning, and a number of other countries are now launching their own Marine Bills. There is an open invitation for groups such as the Devon Maritime Forum to increase their engagement in this process, which will ensure continued Stakeholder pressure for change.

A copy of the UK Stakeholder Update on progress made in October with the EU Marine Strategy Directive is **attached**

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND:  
NORTH DEVON GROUP COMMITTEE  
RE-LAUNCHED**

Dr. Chris Perry has recently retired as Chairman of the North Devon CPRE Group (as distinct from the Torridge Group), and the committee has now been re-launched. The Chairman of the Group is:

Mr. Bob Barfoot  
Huckleberry  
East Knowstone  
South Molton  
North Devon. EX36 4DZ  
Telephone: 01398 341623

A November Newsletter is available from Mr. Barfoot, and regular newsletters will be available in the future.

**MANAGEMENT STUDY FOR BRAUNTON MARSH**

Since the last newsletter, we are now in the process of making decisions about the printing, publication, distribution and launch of the finished Study. We have obtained quotations from, and have had meetings with, various designers and printers, before finally accepting the quotation from Stone Creative. Discussions are now taking place over the layout of the Study.

Clare has already completed more than half of the writing, and Richard Butler, Richard Dyer, and myself are meeting with Clare on a regular basis to assist with proofreading, style and content. We have also been liaising with the Braunton Internal Drainage Board.

Two weeks ago, we all met Linda Blanchard, the North Devon AONB Officer, at Velator for the Sustainable Development Fund monitoring visit. Richard Dyer gave us a tour of Braunton Marsh, and we spent some time after the tour discussing with Linda the progress made with the project.

We shall be meeting Marie Brompton and Lisa Downie on 18th. December, for the LEADER+ monitoring visit.

Our thanks to both the North Devon AONB Sustainable Development Fund and to LEADER+ for making this project possible.

**BARBARA HADDRILL: FURTHER NEWS**

You will all remember Barbara Haddrill, who was the Voluntary Marine Conservation Area officer for Devon Wildlife Trust, before Caroline Roberts took over from her. Since Barbara left North Devon, she has been working for the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales, firstly as a volunteer in the Biology Department, and then, since finishing this placement, in the mail order department, the restaurant and most recently on the cliff railway.

Chris Hassall has sent me a copy of the CAT newsletter article on Barbara – she has just travelled to Australia to be a bridesmaid at her friend's wedding. In order to cut down

on the carbon emissions of her journey, she travelled overland, and this has been picked up by national newspapers, television news, radio shows, websites and magazines, all wanting to interview her before, after or during her trip.

If you would like to read about her journey, her weblog address is - [babs2brisbane.blogspot.com](http://babs2brisbane.blogspot.com)

**GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR THE SOUTH WEST:  
GREENER EVENTS**

Aidan Winder of Devon County Council has just sent me a copy of the Government Office for the South West Greener Events Guide, aimed at reducing the environmental impact of conferences and seminars.

If you would like a copy of the guide, it is published on the BUSINESS page of:

[www.oursouthwest.com](http://www.oursouthwest.com)

**DATE OF NEXT TTEF MEETING:**

Monday, 15th. January 2007 (AGM)

at

Bideford Town Hall

The meeting begins at 7.00 p.m.

Please bring your diaries with you, as we shall be setting the dates of meetings for the forthcoming twelve months.



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

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