

Date and time Do you have any comments on the revised plan?

		Response
Saturday 17th May, 10:28	<p>In my view making use of old photographs detract from the plan and should be updated before it goes final, particularly the ones of the harbour where improvements have already been made, which are attracting people. Consideration needs to be given to the reference to the Vertical Farm since it is now in administration, as to what will happen to the facility in the future. The merger of the two doctors surgeries is very important, so what are the realistic timescales for the new facility, I doubt it will be 2025/26 as stated in the plan. Tourism could be significant in the future therefore would it be appropriate to make mention of the Forest Brewery and the new Severn Way West walking route that starts at Lydney harbour. The number of traffic accidents is increasing in Lydney, therefore how will this be addressed in the future, noting that the plan makes reference to an additional 700 dwellings over and above the original 1,900 dwellings. In particular will a pelican crossing be installed on Rodley Manor Way and Highfield Road junction, before the road is fully open to link up with the by pass from the existing traffic lights to allow children to cross the road safely.</p>	See summary report appendix
Sunday 25th May, 21:52	<p>The document has lots of wide ranging fluffy objectives but at its heart on page 16 gave four lines to the most crucial issue poor road networks .</p> <p>There is no main access road into the forest villages from the north of Lydney - Driffield road is used as a main road as no alternatives are available.</p> <p>There is also green land to the left of Driffield that could be developed without having to go further north of Allistone towards Yorkly</p>	Noted. No change
Wednesday 28th May, 15:55	<p>Keep the land north of Bracken Close as a GBI, it has been heavily used by the community for many years, is home to a wide range of wildlife including protected species and is the last remaining green space in Lydney East. Building here will have a huge negative impact on the people living in the surrounding area (short term noise, pollution disruption, long term potential flooding) and the biodiversity of the area.</p> <p>Improve transport links to Bristol ideally by rail to reduce the amount of people commuting by car.</p>	Noted. LYD ENV2 aims to protect GBI. LYDTRAN1 focus on local connections.

Thursday 29th May, 07:51	<p>This seems total pie in the sky . You will never have enough well paid , high qualification jobs in the forest. I am in a fortunate position to be able to work part time but working full time and commuting would kill me . Due to this no more homes should be built here. How can you expect young families with children to leave before 7 am and not get back until 6 pm . Very few wrap around child care options. No sixth form . Poor transport to Cinderford for college there. 1 decent restaurant. Absolute rubbish pubs, not sure how that attracts tourists. Poor shops, health centers . Lydney is a beautiful place to live not for the town as such, but outdoor pool , Taurus crafts, forest on your doorstep, however there will always be poverty and little opportunity for young people as there is no choice but to commute for well paid jobs and little choice of public transport to do this. You can't turn it into a mini city . You need to concentrate on creating great places to eat and drink, like Chepstow has a lounge etc although Chepstow is also pretty dire. The influx of people from Bristol could mean that these places might do well. Shopping is mainly done online now wherever you live. Concentrate on what can be made better.:</p> <p>Decent places to eat and drink.</p> <p>Fill empty shops.</p> <p>Better education, my son travels 10 miles as not impressed by Dean academy.</p> <p>Things for teenagers to do rather than hanging around drinking, smoking drugs.</p> <p>Better transport.</p> <p>Harbourside regeneration.</p> <p>Lydney could be amazing but you need to concentrate on what can be changed and that is never going to be great jobs so maybe realise that and stop building. If I wasn't in the position to work part time and my husband work from home I think we would have had to move away again which would have been a great shame as pace of life here is better. It's a great place to live if you have the money behind you already for a comfy life but if you don't the prospects are few and far between. Use the fact that the people who came over from Bristol have the money to spend and give them somewhere to spend otherwise they'll spend it elsewhere.</p>	See summary report appendix
Thursday 29th May, 16:14	<p>A road or footpath leading from the new Belway estate in the direction of town possibly near Severnbanks school would be beneficial.</p> <p>Also a small corner shop for convenience at the base of this estate as the town is quite a walk.</p>	Noted. No change.
Friday 30th May, 21:18	No more building on green land. Reverse the approval of fish farm at the docks.	Noted. No change.

Sunday 1st Jun, 11:17	The old lydmets site should be designated as something other than just employment/factory use. It's been Stroud empty for years because of the planning constraints and is an eyesore to the town. The area is also right next to major housing developments. It should be used for retail with perfect access to the main road	Noted. LYD EMP1 seeks retention of employment capacity but is flexible to diversity (use class E)
Friday 6th Jun, 13:55	Not enough infrastructure i.e. doctors, dentists, health care for the amount of new housing being levered in everywhere. Build a cycle way into the forest as soon as possible to increase tourism, as the expensive steam train is all we have. Improve the condition of the car park on Swan Road.	Noted. LNP Policy LYD HC2 promotes the provision of community facilities where there is a demonstrated need. Healthcare is however, beyond the direct influence of LNP. Policy LYD TRAN1 supports sustainable transport but is limited to Lydney's NP area.
Monday 9th Jun, 22:43	Renewable Energy Policy should also include reference to supporting roof top solar and ground mounted solar. Battery Energy Storage should also be included as this can balance demand and make best use of renewable generation. Reference should also be made to the need for electrification of heating (e.g. air source heat pumps) and transport (electric vehicles) and the increased demand for renewable generation associated with this.	Policy LYD ENV 5 Background text highlights the role of domestic renewable energy installation in achieving carbon reductions. However the policy is aimed at harnessing Lydney's particular opportunities for renewable energy schemes. No change to policy
Monday 30th Jun, 13:21	Please can all reference to the Dean Forest Railway please be updated to state our correct name. There are several references within the plan calling the railway the "Heritage Dean Forest Railway" and the "Dean Heritage Railway". Could the railway be consistently referred to as the DEAN FOREST RAILWAY please.	Noted and updated

Sunday 20th
Jul, 20:55

This submission is made by Jon Harris in capacity as Chair of Churches Together in Lydney, which is a network of all the churches in the Lydney area, including associated communities such as Aylburton and Stroat. Contact details are jon.harris@salvationarmy.org.uk and phone 07881 805 952. This is made on 20/7/25. Note that Jon is also a fully qualified town and transport planner and currently leads the Urban Planning degree programme at the University of Gloucestershire (MRTPI/FCILT)

Noted. See summary report appendix

In general we are supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan and its approach and policies. We have looked carefully at the updated policy framework and proposals, and they are well thought out and developed.

There are some areas of addition to the NDP which we feel are really important in community development and social equity terms. These do not relate to churches/places of worship but the wider placemaking principles that we feel must underpin the way Lydney is shaped and developed over the next 20 years. We would be very pleased to be engaged in this process in more detail and would appreciate a discussion with LTC to see how Jon's skills could be deployed as the plan takes further shape. There is also scope to engage with University planning students to help fill some of the gaps we have identified. Our key comments are set out below linked to key policy areas, and the community and delivery chapters:

New housing - we consider it is vital to ensure that future developments provide meaningful 'meantime' and 'oasis' spaces for informal play, meeting and greeting etc. From experience in working on the new developments in Lydney often there are no pop up/unformal green spaces until later on the build phasing, and those that are provided early are often related to SUDs and drainage infrastructure rather than the role of social and play spaces. We would love to continue to develop social identity cohesion and integration - and for that to happen requires tougher policies in relation to the timing and delivery of these 'meantime' spaces early on. Through research with Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership, CTIL and Uni of Glos we have evidence base to help LTC with this collated over the last 3 years

Active travel and green corridors - more explicit prioritisation of green connections from new development to the open countryside/Forest and green lungs into the town centre - this should be given priority attention to ensure that those moving into both private and affordable housing have access to green routes for exercise and mental wellbeing early on in the development phasing. Connections need to be based on social, and health need not just on accessibility criteria

Monday 21st
Jul, 20:42

Dear Sirs

Noted. See summary report appendix

Forest of Dean Integrated Locality Partnership Response to the Lydney Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation

We write to you in response to the Lydney Neighbourhood Plan consultation on behalf of the Integrated Locality Partnership (ILP). The Forest of Dean ILP is collaborative partnership between statutory agencies such as NHS organisations, Public Health, Primary Care, Forest of Dean District Council and the Community/Voluntary sector. We note the response to the NDP you have already received from the Gloucestershire County Council Public Health and Communities team from Scott Macaulay-Lowe, a member of the ILP, on behalf of Siobhan Farmer, Director of Public Health.

As Integrated Locality Partnership (ILP) members our common or shared purpose includes:

- To bring the right people together to proactively tackle the root cause of health inequalities.
- To improve health and wellbeing in Forest of Dean.
- To work collectively for and with people in Forest of Dean to enable people to live well at home and feel connected to their communities.

We recognise the many strengths and assets available to the Lydney area through both natural infrastructure and built environment. The draft NDP gives a strong framework to promote the future of the town and we, as a collaborative are supportive of its strategic direction. The proposals seek to make Lydney a strong and vibrant community.

The ILP is currently taking a geographically focussed approach looking specifically at the Lydney East area (Lower Super Output Area E01022254) to positively impact health outcomes. This work is in collaboration with the Forest of Dean District Council and wider partners and seeks to take a community led approach to reduce health inequalities and ensure that residents have the opportunities to engage with health promoting activities. The initial focus of this work will be on older adults; reducing social isolation and providing support for a preventative approach for wellbeing. We, as an ILP, would be keen to share learning from this work with Lydney Town Council to ensure opportunities to improve outcomes for this area are maximised.