We believe that, to work well, the Joint Local Plan needs to reflect the right balance of development on the Dartington Hall estate, around the village and in the whole parish.

Says DHT: ‘Our preference is to build sensitively around existing buildings on the main estate and reduce the amount of development in the village. This has been the focus of our Estate Framework exercise since listening to the community last Autumn. The Trust has undergone significant changes over the past year and we are committed to a new vision and a much more progressive approach to development. We want to create thriving and resilient places and communities that reconnect to the pioneering spirit of the Elmhirsts’ original ‘Dartington experiment’ – where living, learning, work, arts, craft, play, community, land and nature combine to express a ‘many-sided life’. We want to work with the Neighbourhood Plan and the community to deliver this vision and establish a sustainable future for the estate.’

Says DBDUC: ‘Whilst we argue with planners that the Local Plan allows too many houses in our parish, we will support some sensitive development on the Dartington Hall estate in preference to large open fields – including Broom Park. We will work for real community involvement, accountability and high environmental protection in any developments in Dartington.’

Says the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: ‘Following extensive consultations with parishioners, task groups and landowners, the Dartington Neighbourhood Plan aspiration is that new housing should support a balanced and diverse community and make a significant contribution to the delivery of Affordable Housing in perpetuity to meet local need. There is also support for new settlement layouts which encourage community cohesion and interaction between neighbours and shared open spaces. New models of building and development adding existing value to the community are also supported. We believe this vision for housing for the twenty first century is achievable on the Dartington Estate sites.’

Don’t lose the chance to have your say
If you can access the internet, find out more and sign up for a newsletter at www.southhams.gov.uk/jointlocalplan. (Useful reading: ‘Thriving Towns and Villages’ booklet and supporting information.) You can then respond online.

You are also invited to view detailed plans at an information session

Where - Dartington Village Hall
When - Saturday 16 July (9am to 1pm)

Chat to Parish and District Councillors about the Plan over coffee and cake.

Please act fast. This consultation closes at 5pm on 12 August 2016.

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YOUR SAY!

This leaflet has been assembled by the Dartington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Dartington Hall Trust (DHT) and Don’t Bury Dartington under Concrete (DBDUC). It contains important information affecting our parish.

Over the past 12 months, through the Neighbourhood Plan, we have worked increasingly closely to reach a shared understanding of what is valued by all those who live and work here. We all care passionately about protecting the rural setting, the natural habitats and the historic built environment of the parish.

So this is why we want to draw your attention to the draft Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan, which will influence how land is used and sites are developed up to 2034. The Plan has been developed by South Hams District Council (SHDC) together with Plymouth City Council and West Devon Borough Council, and therefore includes Dartington.

We feel more discussion is needed about the proposals for housing (including number of units), employment sites and the effects on our roads and infrastructure. These decisions will shape our parish in the future and it’s important that those who live and work here know what is proposed.

We urge you to read the Plan and have your say.

Our three organisations are united in supporting development that reflects previous consultations. It matters to us that development is of ‘high quality’, ‘sustainable’ and can be socially, economically and environmentally sound. This includes respecting the surrounding countryside, landscape and ecosystems, the wild corridors, the interlinking footpaths and cycleways and the glorious views.

The historic character of the parish is also something we cherish, whether the Dartington Hall Estate or elsewhere. Yet we still welcome a sense of experiment, innovation and creativity that can underpin good new design and build.