**The Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan**

**Becomes a Reality!**

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| On Thursday 24th November 2022 EDDC carried out the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan parish referendum and posed the question ***'Do you want East Devon District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Luppitt to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'*** Thirty percent of the parish turned out and an overwhelming 89% voted in favour of the Plan!  Since then the Plan was formally 'made' (adopted) at an EDDC cabinet meeting on 4th January, which means it now forms part of the Statutory Development Plan for East Devon and its planning policies carry full weight in the planning decision making process.  As a reminder, the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) contains:   * **13 New Planning Policies** - designed to protect the character and tranquillity of the parish and discourage inappropriate development * **17 Community Actions** (non-statutory) - the Parish Council and residents working together on ideas and proposals designed to benefit the community * **Essential Infor**mation - useful and interesting parish information unavailable anywhere else in a single document | |
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The LNP will now become the essential guide for the Parish Council in making planning recommendations, and also for EDDC when arriving at planning decisions in the parish. As we have already seen in recent applications, architects, planning consultants and applicants must now take LNP policies into account when submitting planning applications. This will all help to protect the character of Luppitt parish, its landscape, views and natural habitats for generations to come.

Copies of the Plan, and also the 'Luppitt Landscape Character Assessment' are available on the web site - www.luppittneighbourhoodplan.org.uk.

This is a great achievement. Our congratulations to the sub-group leaders and huge thanks to the EDDC and AONB officers for their help throughout and to everyone who has contributed along the way.

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