

Points from the Alphington Village Forum's Open Meeting held on 23 October 2012

1. *Quality of life is most important need in existing village and in new development.*
2. *Our main message to DCC roads engineers is that we do not want increased traffic through the village, as this is a conservation area and already congested, as well as polluted by nitrogen dioxide in some parts.*
3. *Chudleigh Road should not be widened as it would urbanise the village. It would be preferable to close it at Markham Lane to prevent through traffic from A379.*

*If it is left open, traffic should be for local use only and slowed down by engineering measures such as chicanes. Humps are not favoured. This road is currently route for fire engines/ambulances, so if it is closed to traffic, an automatic barrier could be installed for emergency vehicles.*
4. *There should be no road connections between existing estate road/cul-de-sacs and new development, to avoid rat runs etc.*
5. *Ide lane/school traffic/parking problems need to be addressed urgently.*
6. *Main route to and from A379/A38 should be via Marsh Barton. Tin Lane / Water lane route was once proposed for traffic through Marsh Barton (currently partly used by P&R bus). Could it be upgraded to take more traffic?*
7. *Cannot see any purpose in having a railway station in Marsh Barton.*
8. *Walking/ cycling/ public transport should be a prime consideration for Alphington and routes should be improved. Note walking/cycling is encouraged by DCC.*
9. *Lessons should be learned from past transport failures in and around Exeter.*
10. *Bus services need to be improved by having two routes, probably using the B bus. At present A bus is most expensive in country and extremely slow.*
11. *Meeting liked the idea of clear separation between the Alphington development and the Teignbridge development in the form of an extensive green belt/wedge*

*Meeting took a vote on the boundary and name of the Alphington Forum. An early open meeting this year adopted the ward boundaries as the forum extent and this was incorporated in the constitution. However there has been increasingly a feeling that the forum should be formally renamed Alphington Village Forum, as little or no interest has been shown by ward residents beyond Alphington Cross. This will require a change to the constitution. A vote was taken and overwhelmingly if not unanimously the vote was to cover the village area only. Exact extent will have to be finalised, but likely to include both sides of Church Road up to Alphington Cross.*