Mid Devon District Council Scrutiny Proposal Form

(This form should be completed by Member(s), Officers and / or members of the public when proposing an item for Scrutiny).

Note: The matters detailed below have not yet received any detailed consideration. The Scrutiny Committee reserves the right to reject suggestions for scrutiny that fall outside the District Council's remit.

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Proposer's name and designation	Cllr Sue Robinson Scrutiny Committee Chair	Date of referral	20/06/2025
Proposed topic title	National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and MDDC's 5 Year Housing Plan		
Link to national, regional and local priorities(Corporate Plan) and targets	The most recent NPPF (2025) and its implications for MDDC over the next 5 years (2025 -2030) and beyond.		
Background to the issue	Our most recent 5 year housing plan is due to expire in June 2025. The NPPF has imposed 180 houses per annum upon the previous target, which we were only just proving able to meet.		
List main points this report should cover (What do you want to achieve?)	How can the Council move towards rectifying this problem with planning consent? (i) Existing developers who own land within MDDC but aren't currently building – how to progress this? (ii) New call for sites and how to proceed? (iii) MDDC owned land and how to accelerate planned work.		
Should this be referred to the appropriate PDG/Committee?	PPAG is expected to consider this topic in depth, but when?		
What degree of priority is this issue? 1 = Urgent 2= High 3=Medium 4=Low	1		

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Proposing an item for the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Step 1

Member of Committee / Cabinet / Council / Officer/Residents raise an issue that they feel could be included in the Scrutiny Work Programme. A **Proposal form** should be completed and forwarded to the Scrutiny Officer.Residents can access the form online or contact the Scrutiny Officer directly.

Step 2

Individual Members and residents can bring forward a proposal or issue to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration. Initially, if required, the Scrutiny Officer will discuss the suggestion in more detail with the proposer and confirm any details and/or work up a more detailed proposal making sure there are clear outcomes identified.

Step 3

- The Scrutiny Committee will take a vote on whether the proposal warrants investigation. During the discussion, members will be supported in ensuring that all proposals clearly demonstrate:
 - Where they will add value to the work of the Council or to our communities
 - Resources available to address the issue
 - Ability to make a distinct and positive impact through the scrutiny function
 - Topics that are timely and relevant, but not already under review elsewhere

Step 4

- If Committee agree, item will be included in the Work Programme either way, decision (and reasons) will be communicated to the proposer.
- Following this recommendation a discussion on how to progress the issue will be made by the Committee.
- The Scrutiny Committee will decide when the item is included in the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.