

MOPONOLY

Here's a little game to play. It's a bit like that famous board game except one day these might be real houses.

This is an aerial photo of Shebbear village, with the Church on the left, Battledown Cross at the right, and New Inn Cross at the bottom right.

Somewhere you have to find room to place 300 houses. Alongside you will see little strips, each one is meant to represent a row of 15 terraced houses. There are 20 of these strips. They may not be exactly to scale but they are not that far off

Of course, all these new houses don't have to be built in the village, but the chances are that is where the planners would like to put them. No point in building them so far away from the shop and the surgery that the residents would need to get the car out.

So it's up to you. Take a pair of scissors and cut out these strips. Lay them on the map just where you think the houses should go. Once you're satisfied with your design you could stick them down and send the map in with any other comments as part of the consultation process.

