## NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OF 50 HOMES TO BE BUILT BETWEEN BATTLEDOWN AND SHEBBEAR VILLAGE

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Whether you are in favour or not of this possible eventuality, hopefully it will have got your attention sufficiently to read on.

It's not just scaremongering or wildly fanciful. As you may have seen elsewhere, our political leaders are speaking openly of the UK population rising to approximately 70 million in the next few years. And Torridge District Council is tasked with approving the development of 10,700 new homes. Where are they going to go? In part, that's up to you.

Torridge Council tells us that we are now in the vital phase of planning where we, the local population, are being asked for our views on their proposals. Our Shebbear Parish Council is one medium through which we can present our views and you are urged to attend the February meeting at the Church Room on the 9th when you can hear the key points of the debate as well as making your feelings known.

## Some topics might include:

What kind of village do you want Shebbear and its environs to be? Do you want it to essentially remain the same, or with limited growth, or to become a development of housing 'silos' between Battledown and the Village Square?

If we are to see extensive further housing development in Shebbear, can we absorb a large number of new residents whilst still maintaining the feel of a local community, which many hold so dear. In the last five years alone, in excess of fifty new dwellings have been built, representing a significant rise in the population of Shebbear.

Will existing residential properties maintain their values if the market is weakened by large scale new build projects?

Please do try to attend. If you cannot, you can still submit your views to the Council in writing c/o David Walker, parish clerk.

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