

## PARISHIONERS' PRIORITIES for a NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a comprehensive collection of comments in response to the NP questionnaire (March 2014)  
and the NP consultation meetings (May and June 2014)

### HOUSING

Can we control allocations of affordable housing to ensure they meet parish needs?

What type of housing is likely to be needed in the area by local people, not just as a disaggregated national target?

Can we provide housing via a community land trust?

Encourage parishioners to identify small plots of land for construction of small number of dwellings and simplify planning process to do so.

Where and on what scale? Can we build affordable homes for local people? Can we do this without changing the character of our small hamlets and villages?

How do you identify local need for any housing development?

Could we have a more definitive definition of what is a local in the context of 'local needs'?

Housing for local need, i.e. those who work in area, not just wishing to live here.

Can a plan enable low-cost housing being built for local youngsters?

Whilst accepting need to have more housing, is there a way of ensuring the housing stays affordable for first-time buyers?

Affordable housing for local people not on an 'estate' but located around the parish.

Affordable housing sufficient to meet parish needs including low-cost open-market and self-build opportunities.

Beware 'affordable' housing - the slums of the future?

How do we provide affordable housing so that young families can live in the area and maintain school numbers?

Can we have affordable housing in Rilla Mill, to encourage young families into village and stop it becoming an OAP ghetto?

Where are the sites (being discussed) for new housing?

Encourage/make mandatory the use of 'brownfield' sites and discourage 'infilling'.

Can we ensure that single or multiple development is not ribbon but in-filling and brown sites, e.g. Upton Cross corner?

If additional housing is required can it be in 1, 2 or 3 per site rather than larger numbers on one site?

No large-scale development.

*Ad hoc* single or small groups of housing ideally avoided.

Can future housing be kept on a smaller scale and in keeping with the existing buildings?

Limit the extension of small older properties so that younger or less wealthy people can afford them in future. Not all young or less well-off people want to live in a new box.

Can we make sure that small homes don't get enlarged? We don't want to lose these small houses for starters.

Can we protect the stock of small houses from extension in order to preserve starter homes?

Discourage over-large house extensions that put properties out of the reach of young families.

Any form of development must be aesthetically pleasing, be it housing, energy, conservation projects, etc.

It is essential that car parking is integral to any new housing developments. Difficulty is, though, in making sure parking area is utilised, e.g. new houses in Upton Cross, where many park on road despite parking having been provided.

Can we define that all new housing will be carbon-zero?

Can the NP ensure that any or all 'new build' homes/businesses are zero-carbon?

Can the NP stipulate that any new/modernised buildings, whether domestic or commercial, use energy from roof-mounted PV panels or ground-source?

Is there any land likely to be rented or sold to travellers?

How many houses can the 'sewage farm' at Henwood cope with?

## **AMENITIES**

How can we keep our much-needed local shops/post offices going in the current supermarket/home-delivery climate?

Can the plan ensure that we keep at least one shop in the parish - community-run if necessary?

Can a plan influence the setting of business rates for local shops?

If there is an increase of population will there be provision for school and medical practice?

Lost shops, garage, filling station and likely to lose a pub soon!

Make sure we keep a shop/cafe in parish. Villages are becoming dormitories. Not everyone has easy access to transport - need to be able to 'meet' people.

How can we ensure that we keep shops and schools in the area if we do not support income generation through sustainable business that will give people spending power to shop locally?

Could there be a round-robin electric vehicle (parish/Pensilva/Liskeard)?

More local produce sold in local shop.

Can we use the NP to encourage gardening and grow-your-own?

Can we improve facilities for older people?

Keep public toilets open.

All toilets in the parish kept open and free!

How can we preserve our endangered public toilets?

A weight limit on several of our very narrow roads.

Unclassified roads should be usable!

Will the village green in Henwood be safeguarded in future?

Can we have a new school building to replace expensive Victorian building? Redevelop this site for housing?

Presumption and support to increase 'dark skies' with public and private lighting in the parish.

Can the NP safeguard one of our greatest 'amenities' - dark skies?

A bicycle rack and electric bike recharger at Minions.

Children's play area improvements in Upton Cross.

A good, safe, accessible play area.

Improved cricket pitch and pavilion.

Can we organise much faster broadband for businesses?

## **BUSINESS/EMPLOYMENT**

Are there any plans for employment opportunities within the parish? If so, what and who is responsible?

Can we urgently improve broadband services to allow isolated businesses to compete and survive?

How do we get high-speed broadband in order to support local rural businesses?

How can we achieve better Internet connection to enable small businesses and self-employed people to sustain their work from home?

Can a plan manage a website of local services/tradespeople/job vacancies?

Would be good to be able to encourage businesses/workshops into the parish. Need to identify land suitable for this. Low rent may help. This would enliven the community. Don't want it to become static/old - need young people to prosper.

Encourage home office working with, perhaps, tax reduction incentives.

Clarify and extend permission for small businesses to operate from residential properties.

Agricultural use of land.

Can we encourage visitors to come to the area?

Are there derelict buildings that could be brought back into use where owners do not have the funds to do it themselves?

Can empty or derelict buildings be turned into houses or workshops?

Provision of small industrial units to further opportunities for local working. New building to be sympathetic to existing properties.

Provision of small workplace units or possible live/work scheme with a hub.

Need to establish rural workshops, reduce need to travel to work.

Business employing local people.

## **ENERGY**

Should we have a neighbourhood alternative energy scheme as opposed to individual schemes?

Can we have a socially non-divisive NDP energy policy, e.g. a community project?

Can the NP ensure that energy generation is done for the benefit of the community rather than of individuals?

What are the plans for renewable energy?

No isolated wind farms or large-scale solar panels covering good agricultural land.

Are there more wind turbines planned?

Wind turbines shouldn't be allowed except when small and approved by the whole neighbourhood and when the profits/energy produced go to everyone living within their area.

Why has Cornwall more wind turbines than any other county?

Wind turbines placed in non-visual spot.

Can the NP stipulate that solar panels will be roof-mounted, that domestic and agricultural organic waste should be fed into biodigester units for conversion to biogas, and that we move to exploit the significant hydro-electric power latent in our rivers?

Is there likely to be a grant available from government/council for solar panels on roofs?

Could the NP ensure that new buildings are heated by ground-source energy?

Can the NP investigate the conversion of sewage-treatment plants into biodigesters to produce gas for the households that supply them?

Could the stream from Henwood to Darley Ford support a small hydro-electric turbine to provide power for both settlements?

Use the Lynher to produce hydro-electric power. A small, efficient turbine needn't be destructive or obtrusive. Potentially a good community enterprise for Rilla Mill....

Are we able to harness the power of the rivers and streams in the area? Any plans for wind turbines? If so, is it possible to be the first area to use them to "showcase" local artists' work? Playing upon our wonderful heritage as a Keltic area, become proud forerunners to the realisation that global warming is happening! Let's make it better rather than submit objections.

## **CONSERVATION**

Can a plan have real influence over planning applications?

What needs conserving, protecting or rehabilitating, both in terms of the natural environment and heritage (buildings and place)?

Can the NP be used to implement the recommendations of the CISI report on Henwood, and generally to safeguard the character of our granite- and slate-built settlements?

Can the NP ensure that the recommendations of the CISI Report are followed up and implemented?

How can we increase protection for buildings of historic interest?

Whatever development is carried out, I think the beauty of the parish must be maintained. Ideally therefore no 'blots on the landscape'.

Should we have a question: 'What is your favourite view/location within the parish?'

Can the moorland villages be combined as protected areas from over-development?

Can new (and current!) development be made to respect a 'dark skies' policy?

Can the NP reinforce the protection of the AONB?

We must protect the AONB. How can the NP help to do this?

Can we use the NP to keep the skies dark at night? (For this it'll be crucial to work with Callington and Liskeard on design guides because of the allocations of new housing there.)

Can we increase grazing of cattle and sheep on the moor to help keep the bracken and gorse at bay?

Could we link up the countryside within the parish to provide freedom of movement for wildlife/people?

Are there any plans to plant trees on sites we cannot build on?

Conservation of the local woods - hedgerows and green lanes.

Can we have a more 'open' approach to cutting trees in Conservation Areas? The River Lynher used to be clearly visible and fish thrived.

Maintain quality environment at Minions in order to ensure continued tourism offer.

Protect our most valuable asset - landscape - whilst managing tourism impact.

Can we have photovoltaic panels on roofs in Conservation Areas? Oil bills are very high and being able to generate income would be good.

Solar panels on houses - could these not be solar slates? More visually pleasing.

If there are to be wind generators in the area why can they not be visually pleasing - not just the cheapest hideous eyesores to date?

Can we require new buildings to use local materials?

Greater use of natural/local materials - granite quoin, etc. (They can do it in Brittany, so why not here!)

Can we reinforce the protection and enhancement of Conservation Areas by stipulating the use of local slate and granite?

Do we have sites which would benefit from a makeover by a whole-parish volunteer party?

Are there volunteer arrangements for Conservation Areas?

Great work by volunteers

## **OTHER**

Reduce street furniture/road sign blight.

How can a NP improve public transport?

Investigate a community energy hydro scheme on the Lynher.

Can we support safer cycling?

There are young families in the parish. Do we know if they have returned questionnaires? Do we need to find ways to reach them?

Can we use the NP process to open the working of the PC to the general public?

There's a presumption in favour of sustainable development. Can we acknowledge and adopt the generally-accepted definition of 'sustainable' as that which is supported by the community and which allows us to take what we need without depriving others either now or in the future?

Can we use the NP to try and engage young people as much as possible?