

TYWARDREATH AND PAR PARISH Neighbourhood Development Plan 2020 –2030

SUSTAINABILITY CHECK

This document is to be read in conjunction with:

- the Neighbourhood Development Plan (regulation 14 version)
- the Evidence Summary
- the Appendix

Tywardreath and Par Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Sustainability Check

Section 1 Introduction

This paper presents a Sustainability Check of Tywardreath and Par Parish's Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

This Sustainability Check process reflects the intentions of a more formal Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and aims to predict and assess the **social, environmental** and **economic** effects that are likely to arise from the adoption of Tywardreath and Par Parish's NDP, in order to ensure that the strategies and policies within this contribute to and promote sustainable development.

Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP Steering Group considered carrying out a full SA (which is not a requirement of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012), but it was decided that applying a 'lighter touch' Sustainability Check would be less resource-intensive, whilst achieving suitable outcomes to inform the NDP-making process. It was considered to be good practice to carry out a Sustainability Check as it provides a useful means to assess plan proposals against a set of sustainability objectives - the intention being to help avoid negative environmental and socio-economic effects and to identify opportunities to improve the environmental quality of Tywardreath and Par Parish's prosperity and the quality of life of residents through the NDP.

This report sets out how the Sustainability Check was applied to Tywardreath and Par Parish's Draft NDP and the results of this.

N.B. The Sustainability Check should not be confused with a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The SEA is a separate assessment and focuses in more detail on the environmental impact of plan proposals¹.

Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP: The Sustainability Check process

When adopted, Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP will sit within a framework of higher level planning documents, including the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Cornwall's Local Plan. The Cornwall Local Plan: Strategic Policies 2010-2030 (Local Plan) was adopted in November 2016 and was subject to an SA (further details available at www.cornwall.gov.uk).

¹ In order to establish whether an SEA was required Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP Steering Group submitted the NDP to Cornwall Council for SEA Screening, where the outcome of this showed that an SEA was not required. .

For consistency, the Sustainability Check of Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP reflects the ‘SA Framework’ which was used for the SA process on the Local Plan. The SA Framework is a framework of 19 SA themes together with a number of objectives, appraisal questions and indicators, which provided a framework for the SA of the Local Plan.

For definitions and acronyms see the Glossary at the end of Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP.

Table 1: Sustainability Check - Themes and Objectives

Theme	Sustainability Objectives
Climatic Factors	To reduce our contribution to climate change through a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
	To increase resilience to climate change, and reduce vulnerability.
Waste	To minimise the generation of waste and encourage greater reuse and recycling of materials in accordance with the waste hierarchy.
Minerals and Geodiversity	To minimise the consumption of mineral resources and ensure the sustainable management of these resources
	To conserve, enhance and restore the condition of geodiversity in the county.
Soil	To minimise the use of undeveloped land and protect and enhance soil quality.
	To encourage and safeguard local food production.
Air	To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.
Water	To reduce the risk of flooding and vulnerability to flooding, sea level rise and coastal erosion.
	To maintain and enhance water quality and reduce consumption and increase efficiency of water use.
Biodiversity	To conserve, enhance and restore the condition and extent of biodiversity in the county and allow its adaptation to climate change.
Landscape	To protect and enhance the quality of the natural, historic and cultural landscape and seascape.
Maritime	To encourage clean, healthy, productive and diverse waters; To protect coastal areas and ensure sustainable maritime environments.

Theme	Sustainability Objectives
Historic Environment	To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of the historic environment.
Design	To promote and achieve high quality, locally distinctive design, sustainable land use and sustainable built development.
Social Inclusion	To reduce poverty and social exclusion and provide opportunities for all to participate fully in society.
Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	To reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.
Housing	To meet the needs of the local community as a whole in terms of general market, affordable, adaptable and decent housing.
Health, Sport and Recreation	To improve health through the promotion of healthier lifestyles and improving access to open space and health, recreation and sports facilities.
Economic Development	To support a balanced and low carbon economy that meets the needs of the area and promotes a diverse range of quality employment opportunities.
Education and Skills	To maximise accessibility for all to the necessary education, skills and knowledge to play a full role in society.
Transport and Accessibility	To improve access to key services and facilities by reducing the need to travel and by providing safe sustainable travel choices. To reduce traffic congestion and minimise transport related greenhouse gas emissions.
Energy	To encourage the use of renewable energy, increase energy efficiency and security, and reduce fuel poverty.

KEY TO THEMES IN TABLE ABOVE	
	Environmental Themes
	Social Themes
	Economic Themes

For the purpose of carrying out the Sustainability Check on Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP, it was considered unnecessary to apply the full SA Framework, as this would have entailed a very lengthy and detailed analysis. Instead, the 19 SA Framework themes and objectives (hereafter referred to as the Sustainability themes and objectives) have been considered directly against Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP, (i.e. without presenting answers to each of the individual appraisal questions which are included within the more detailed SA Framework). The Sustainability themes and objectives are set out in Table 1 above.

The Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP Steering Group have carried out the Sustainability Check by considering Sustainability themes and objectives (see Table 1 above) against the overall Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP and including consideration of all of the following elements of this:

- The Vision for Tywardreath and Par Parish
- The NDP Objectives for Tywardreath and Par Parish; and,
- Each of the 29 NDP Policies.

The Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP was reviewed in order to determine whether it is likely to undermine, support; or neither undermine or support the Sustainability themes; or whether the theme is irrelevant to the NDP or the anticipated outcome is unknown at this stage. Consideration of how the Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP performed against the Sustainability themes and objectives was carried out initially through a round table discussion at a meeting of those members of the Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP Steering Group responsible for drafting the policies and then via consultation with the whole NDP Steering Group. The questions included in Appendix C below were used to structure the discussion.

The outputs of this process are:

The Sustainability Check Assessment Table of Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP (see Section 2 below); The Sustainability Check Results Summary Table of Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP (see Section 3 below).

Sustainability Check Results and Key Outcomes

Vision Statement:

By 2030, Tywardreath and Par Parish will be a thriving, welcoming and inclusive community, allowing local people to lead secure, sustainable, productive and rewarding lives while protecting a distinctive landscape and coastline, environment and heritage.”

It was agreed that the Vision Statement covers the main points arising from the consultation process and meets the sustainability criteria.

Objectives:

Flood Risk Management (F)

To minimise the risk of flooding and its negative consequences, e.g. runoff from former mining areas: and

- support innovative “green infrastructure” solutions; and
- create, enhance and link Blue and Green spaces by routes accessible to all wherever feasible; and
- aim for a net gain in biodiversity, so securing positive health, wellbeing, social, economic and environmental outcomes.

Business, Tourism and Transport (BTT)

To develop a thriving, self-sufficient and resilient parish-based economy by:

- encouraging a range of businesses which are compatible with Blue Green Tourism and meet the needs of the community without impacting negatively on residents’ amenity; and
- promoting all-year round Blue Green Tourism which favours the development of environmentally friendly practices and welcomes visitors who wish to experience local culture, heritage and community activities; and
- encouraging the provision of sustainable modes of transport, accessible to all and the roll-out of Superfast Broadband to all areas of the parish.

Community, Health and Wellbeing (CHW)

To build on existing community “spirit” and encourage development which:

- protects and expands health, care and educational provision; and
- maximises the potential of Blue Green Health and Wellbeing opportunities within the parish for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities: and
- results in a welcoming and inclusive community in which the environment – social, natural and built – gives all the opportunity to feel safe and maintain or improve their physical and mental health.

Environment and Heritage (E)

To promote Biodiversity and protect key landscape and heritage features by:

- providing green spaces for recreation and enjoyment; and
- maintaining and enhancing Blue and Green spaces and corridors, providing access to all wherever feasible and appropriate, so supporting Blue Green Tourism and securing positive health and wellbeing outcomes for all; and
- protecting key landscape views and vistas; and
- promoting biodiversity through the protection of designated wildlife sites and the interconnecting network of Cornish hedges; and
- protecting key heritage assets (both designated and non-designated).

Housing and Development (H)

To ensure the provision of good quality homes by:

- providing genuinely affordable housing, to rent or to buy, protected in perpetuity as part of small-scale affordable housing led development for those with a primary local connection to Tywardreath and Par Parish; and
- encouraging developments which, in design and location, provide sustainable, energy efficient, low carbon homes for local people, so ensuring that the housing stock meets the differing needs of all, young and old, living independently or with others; and
- ensuring that development is respectful of the natural environmental and heritage assets of the parish whilst providing homes with pleasant amenity space where people can feel safe, lead healthy, rewarding lives and feel part of the community; and
- respecting and conserving the important landscape character of the land surrounding the settled areas whilst preserving the special identities of the individual communities in the parish, with particular reference to the Tywardreath Conservation Area.

It was noted that all the objectives meet the sustainability criteria.

Policies

The results of the Sustainability Check in respect of policy scrutiny are presented in Appendices A and B at the end of this document. The process promoted a cross-check of the Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP policies against the Sustainability Themes and Objectives (using the questions in Appendix C at the end of this document) and few gaps were discerned:

Amendments to policies following sustainability check:

Policy BTT1 Business Development was strengthened by the addition of a policy statement in respect of public infrastructure, i.e.

d) The enhancement of public infrastructure which supports business development will be favoured, e.g. the roll-out of Superfast Broadband to all areas of the parish.

Policy BTT3 Transport was strengthened in respect of public transport.

a) Development proposals to encourage the use of public transport and sustainable, accessible modes of transport will be favoured, e.g. making the platforms accessible to all at Par Station, where this is consistent with Policies 12 and 16 of the Cornwall Local Plan (2016 or any update) and providing there is no adverse impact on the environment or neighbours' amenity.

Blue Green Tourism comment

The support for the development of Blue Green (aka Wellness) Tourism in Tywardreath and Par Parish across objectives and policies means more tourists will come to the parish. However, the effects are mitigated by the presumption in favour of developing a more sustainable, environmentally friendly offer which will also benefit local residents, e.g.

- favouring the development of Par Station as a transport hub for all, including meeting accessibility needs;
- supporting the development of facilities and services for tourists which also cater for local residents, so reducing the need for travel outside of the parish and bringing money into the parish;
- the enhancement of Blue and Green spaces and the emphasis on promoting accessibility for all wherever feasible will secure more positive health and wellbeing outcomes for the local community and visitors.

Conclusion

The Sustainability Check on Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP has demonstrated that the Policies within this and the Vision and Objectives that it seeks to achieve succeed in encouraging sustainable development (except in respect of Minerals and Geodiversity which is not deemed to be relevant.).

Section 2

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Objectives/policies: Flood Risk Management (F); Business, Transport and Tourism (BTT); Community, Health and Wellbeing (CHW); Environment and Heritage (E); Housing and Development (H)

Theme	Sustainability Objective	Key policies which contribute to theme and comment	Likely Impact
Climatic Factors	To reduce our contribution to climate change through a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.	BTT1, 2, 3, 4; H2, 4. Seeks to improve public transport and its accessibility; and to support local retail and businesses, so reducing the need to travel. Development boundary guides sustainable locations for housing, so reducing need for travel. Building with Nature guidelines to be taken into consideration (H2) along with CC guidance (UK Housing fit for the future, 2019).	
	To increase resilience to climate change, and reduce vulnerability.	F1, 2, 3; H2, 4. Development proposals which include CC recommendations will be favoured (UK Housing fit for the future, 2019). The policies relating to the StARR project seek to protect vulnerable areas of the parish from flooding and H2 supports this via Building with Nature guidelines.	

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Waste	To minimise the generation of waste and encourage greater reuse and recycling of materials in accordance with the waste hierarchy.	H4. Development proposals which include CC recommendations will be favoured (UK Housing fit for the future, 2019), e.g. “improve focus on reducing the whole-life carbon impact of new homes, including embodied and sequestered carbon.” p.14. Convenient, dedicated bin and recycling storage where bins and crates can be stored out of sight (Bfl12 guidelines);	
Minerals and Geodiversity	To minimise the consumption of mineral resources and ensure the sustainable management of these resources	Not relevant	
	To conserve, enhance and restore the condition of geodiversity in the county.	Not relevant	
Soil	To minimise the use of undeveloped land and protect and enhance soil quality.	F3; BTT1; E3, 4.1, 4.2, 5.5; H1, 2. Business uses B1, B2, B8 located on designated sites within the parish boundary or in adjacent St Blaise where there are large-scale employment sites. Potential consequences of historical mining considered in policies. Development boundary guides locations for development, so minimising green field development. H2 requires any land contamination to be reduced to an acceptable level. Policies require the retention of trees and hedgerows which protect soil by preventing run-off and helping balance greenhouse gases.	

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	To encourage and safeguard local food production.	F3; BTT1, BTT2; H1, 2. Development boundary mitigates risk of development on green field/agricultural land. Farmers were consulted on the Business policy and said that the CLP current policies meet their needs as regards land use. The local retail offer in the parish includes locally produced food, e.g. meat, potatoes and other vegetables which residents and tourists enjoy. Local food production integral to Blue Green Tourism. Potential consequences of historical mining and run-off considered as part of housing development.	
Air	To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.	BTT1, 2, B3, B4; H1, 2, 4. BTT policies are strongly supportive of favouring and enhancing provision for sustainable modes of transport wherever feasible and locating development close to shops and facilities will reduce need to travel (H1). Building with Nature guidelines to be taken into consideration (H2). Development proposals which include CCC recommendations will be favoured.	
Water	To reduce the risk of flooding and vulnerability to flooding, sea level rise and coastal erosion.	F1, 2, 3; H2, 4. The policies relating to the StARR project seek to protect vulnerable areas of the parish from flooding. Building with Nature guidelines to be taken into consideration (H2). Development proposals which include CC recommendations will be favoured.	

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	<p>To maintain and enhance water quality and reduce consumption and increase efficiency of water use.</p>	<p>F1, F2, F3; H2, 4. The StARR project provides for greater integrated water catchment management and strengthens links between habitats to increase the likelihood of adaptation to climate change and, along with Housing/Development policies seek to reduce the risk of water contamination from historical mining. Building with Nature guidelines to be taken into consideration (H2). Development proposals which include CC recommendations will be favoured.</p>	
<p>Biodiversity</p>	<p>To conserve, enhance and restore the condition and extent of biodiversity in the county and allow its adaptation to climate change.</p>	<p>F1, 3; BTT2; E4.1, E4.2; H2. Policies across a range of objectives support biodiversity. For example, the protection, enhancement and linking of patches of semi-natural habitats, especially Cornish Hedges, is strongly supported. Building with Nature guidelines to be taken into consideration (H2).</p>	
<p>Landscape</p>	<p>To protect and enhance the quality of the natural, historic and cultural landscape and seascape.</p>	<p>F1,3; BTT2; E1, 2, E, E4.2, E5.1-7; H2,3. The protection and the enhancement of the natural environment is strongly supported by the community and this is reflected in a wide range of policies. Blue Green (aka Wellness) Tourism promotes and depends on the natural, historical and cultural landscape and seascape being protected and enhanced. Building with Nature guidelines to be taken into consideration (H2).</p>	

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Maritime	To encourage clean, healthy, productive and diverse waters; To protect coastal areas and ensure sustainable maritime environments.	F1, F2, F3; E1. The StARR project seeks to protect and enhance green and blue spaces in the parish including wetlands and river banks which lead into the Par estuary. Policy E1 identifies and designates specific local green spaces on and near the beach.	
Historic Environment	To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of the historic environment.	BTT2, 4; E5.1-7; H2,3. Blue Green (aka Wellness) Tourism promotes the enjoyment of the historic environment: walkers come to the parish via the Saints' Way and the Cornish Celtic Way. The 7 Heritage policies identify and describe the many heritage features of the parish including those to be found in Tywardreath Conservation Area. H2 identifies development requirements in this area.	
Design	To promote and achieve high quality, locally distinctive design, sustainable land use and sustainable built development.	F1,2, 3; H1, 2,3. Flood Risk Management (F) policies seek to ensure that development proposals are considered with regard to flood mitigation measures. The development boundary guides housing to sustainable locations. Development proposals Building with Nature guidelines to be taken into consideration along with BREEAM and/or CEEQUAL standards. Proposals respect the parish's special historic, architectural and landscape character.	

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Social Inclusion	To reduce poverty and social exclusion and provide opportunities for all to participate fully in society.	BTT2, 3, 4; CHW1, 2, 4; 5, 6; H1, 2,3, 4. CHW policies seek to retain Health and Care Home facilities in the parish including those supporting individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Policies support accessibility for all features wherever feasible. Housing policies seek to minimise a rise in land value by introducing a development boundary. Outside of the development boundary, the expectation is that any development should be affordable housing led. Development by CLTs and similar, e.g. Almshouses, will be favoured with HAPPI design where appropriate. Development proposals which include CC recommendations will be favoured.	
Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	To reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.	CHW 5; H2, 4. Tywardreath and Par Parish is generally not considered to be a “hot spot” for such behaviour. However, policies require these potential issues to be considered at development proposal stage and signpost to information which will design out crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour as found at: https://www.securedbydesign.com	

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Theme	Sustainability Objective	Key policies which contribute to theme and comment	Likely Impact
Housing	To meet the needs of the local community as a whole in terms of general market, affordable, adaptable and decent housing.	H1, 2, 4. Housing policies seek to minimise a rise in land value by introducing a development boundary. Outside of the development boundary, the expectation is that any development should be affordable housing led. Development by CLTs and similar, e.g. Almshouses, will be favoured with HAPPI design where appropriate. Development proposals which include CC recommendations will be favoured.	
Health, Sport and Recreation	To improve health through the promotion of healthier lifestyles and improving access to open space and health, recreation and sports facilities.	F3; BTT2, 4; CHW1,4, 5, 6; E, E, E; H2, 3. Policies are strongly in favour of providing community facilities and physical infrastructure which is accessible to all wherever feasible. The E1 policy - Local Green Spaces Designation – identifies a range of areas for protection as many are a resource valued not only by those living in the parish but also others living nearby and tourists. The emphasis on Blue Green Health and Wellbeing is a positive step in promoting active lives and social interaction.	
Economic Development	To support a balanced and low carbon economy that meets the needs of the area and promotes a diverse range of quality employment opportunities.	BTT1, 2, 3, 4; Economic growth and diversification of businesses which are compatible with Blue Green (aka Wellness) Tourism and respect neighbours' amenities are encouraged, as is the enhancement of public transport provision including making Par Station accessible to all.	

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Education and Skills	To maximise accessibility for all to the necessary education, skills and knowledge to play a full role in society.	B2, B4; CHW3. Policy CHW 3 aims to retain and broaden the popular pre-school and primary provision and to extend the offer where appropriate, e.g. apprenticeships. BTT policies favour improving sustainable modes of transport and support for making Par Station accessible to all, so providing access to educational and skills training facilities across Cornwall and elsewhere.	
Transport and Accessibility	To improve access to key services and facilities by reducing the need to travel and by providing safe sustainable travel choices. To reduce traffic congestion and minimise transport related greenhouse gas emissions.	F3; BT1, 2, 3, 4; CHW1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; H1,2,3. BTT policies are strongly supportive of favouring and enhancing provision for sustainable modes of transport wherever feasible. CHW policies favour the retention and enhancement of key services and facilities within the community. Establishing a development boundary means that housing will be located within sustainable locations and H2 emphasises the need for developments to meet accessibility for all criteria.	
Energy	To encourage the use of renewable energy, increase energy efficiency and security and reduce fuel poverty.	BTT3; H4. Policies support features such as electric vehicle charging points both for individual homes and public access. Development proposals which include CC recommendations will be favoured including measures such as low carbon heating.	

Section 3: The Sustainability Check Results Summary, Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP

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Theme	Potential Impact of Tywardreath and Par Parish Draft NDP
1 Climate Factors	
2 Waste	
3 Minerals & Geodiversity	
4 Soil	
5 Air	
6 Water	
7 Biodiversity	
8 Landscape	
9 Maritime	
10 Historic Environment	
11 Design	
12 Social Inclusion	
13 Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour	
14 Housing	
15 Health, Sport & Recreation	
16 Economic Development, Regeneration & Tourism	
17 Education & Skills	
18 Transport & Accessibility	
19 Energy	

Section 4 Theme	Sustainability Objectives	Decision making questions
Climatic Factors	To reduce our contribution to climate change through a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it limit greenhouse gas emissions? • Does it secure the highest viable resource and energy efficiency? • Does it encourage the use of renewable energy technologies?
	To increase resilience to climate change and reduce vulnerability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it minimise vulnerability and encourage resilience to the effects of climate change?
Waste	To minimise the generation of waste and encourage greater reuse and recycling of materials in accordance with the waste hierarchy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce the amount of waste produced, collected, and or landfilled? • Will it increase the amount of waste recycled or recovered? • Will it increase levels of composting or anaerobic digestion? • Has space for storage of recycled materials been planned for? • Will it reduce the waste management industry's contribution to climate change?
Minerals and Geodiversity	To minimise the consumption of mineral resources and ensure the sustainable management of these resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it minimise the consumption of primary mineral resources and encourage re-use of secondary resources? • Will it ensure development does not irreversibly sterilise important mineral resources?
	To conserve, enhance and restore the condition of geodiversity in the county.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it prevent harm to and, where appropriate, enhance geological conservation interests in the county? • Will mineral working impact on designated land?
Soil	To minimise the use of undeveloped land and protect and enhance soil quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it protect, enhance and improve soil quality in Cornwall?
	To encourage and safeguard local food production.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it avoid development that leads to the loss of productive soils?
Air	To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce pollution including greenhouse gas emissions? • Will it maintain or improve air quality in Cornwall?

Section 4 Theme	Sustainability Objectives	Decision making questions
Water	To reduce the risk of flooding and vulnerability to flooding, sea level rise and coastal erosion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal reduce, or avoid increasing the risk of flooding overall?
	To maintain and enhance water quality and reduce consumption and increase efficiency of water use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal maintain or enhance water quality overall? • Does the proposal reduce the overall demand for water? • Will the proposal provide for greater integrated water catchment management and strengthen links between habitats to increase the likelihood of adaptation to climate change? • Will the proposal increase the risk of water pollution events?
Biodiversity	To conserve, enhance and restore the condition and extent of biodiversity in the county and allow its adaptation to climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal protect, enhance or restore biodiversity interests of BAP habitats, Cornwall Wildlife Sites, SSSIs and internationally, nationally and regionally designated areas? • Does the proposal allow adaptation to climate change through the connection of habitats (wildlife corridors)? • Does it protect not only designated areas but also of wildlife interest everywhere? • Will it encourage the provision of new or improved wildlife habitats?

Section 4 Theme	Sustainability Objectives	Decision making questions
Landscape	To protect and enhance the quality of the natural, historic and cultural landscape and seascape.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it sustain and enhance and/or restore the distinctive qualities and features of the natural, historic and cultural landscape and seascape character? • Will it conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Cornwall AONB and the Tamar Valley AONB, and increase understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONBs? • Will it protect, enhance and promote opportunities for green infrastructure within and between urban settlements? • Will it maintain and enhance a high-quality living environment? • Will it encourage the location and design of development to respect and improve landscape character and the landscape setting of settlements?
Maritime	To encourage clean, healthy, productive and diverse waters; To protect coastal areas and ensure sustainable maritime environments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the proposal protect, enhance or restore maritime heritage, habitat and biodiversity, both designated and undesignated? • Will the proposal incorporate adaptation to climate change and its likely effects on the sea, coast and estuaries? • Will the proposal operate within the carrying capacity of the receiving environment, without adverse effect on its sustainability? • Will the proposal operate within safe biological, chemical and physical limits?

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Historic Environment	To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of the historic environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal reinforce the distinctive character of Cornwall? • Does the proposal have an acceptable/unacceptable level of impact on the historic environment? • Does the proposal preserve and enhance the cultural and social significance of the historic asset? • Will it result in development which is sympathetic towards the need to promote the Cornwall's unique heritage value, historic environment and culture? • Have flood mitigation measures been designed to be compatible with the immediate historic environment? • Has a balance been struck between the level of risk, (e.g. in adaptation to climate change or flood risk), and the aspiration to preserve the distinctive qualities of the historic environment?
Design	To promote and achieve high quality, locally distinctive design, sustainable land use and sustainable built development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it encourage developers to build to higher environmental standards? • Will it help to promote local distinctiveness? • Does the proposal meet targets for renewable energy capture and sustainable construction using BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) and/or CEEQUAL(Civil Engineering Environmental Quality Assessment and Award Scheme)? • Will it promote high quality, sustainable and sympathetic design that takes account of sustainable construction and transport modes, and green infrastructure?
Social Inclusion	To reduce poverty and social exclusion and provide opportunities for all to participate fully in society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve access to and provision of services, health and community facilities (including community youth facilities) especially in rural areas and for the socially excluded? • Will it reduce poverty, deprivation, discrimination, social exclusion and inequalities?

Section 4 Theme	Sustainability Objectives	Decision making questions
Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	To reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce crime and anti-social activity and, in turn, provide safer communities in Cornwall (particularly in the most deprived neighbourhoods and identified hot spots)? • Will it help reduce the fear of crime?
Housing	To meet the needs of the local community as a whole in terms of general market, affordable, adaptable and decent housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to ensure delivery of long-term regeneration schemes for the county? • Will it reduce the number of people homeless or in temporary accommodation? • Will it contribute towards the provision of affordable, social and key worker housing? • Will it reduce the number of unfit homes, and those falling below the decent homes standards? • Will it deliver adaptable housing to meet the lifelong needs of the population? • Will it provide a well-integrated mix of decent homes of different types and tenures to support a range of household sizes, ages and incomes? • Is it flexible in planning for increased demand over the plan period? • Will it provide energy efficient development which reduces the annual cost of heating/lighting and helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions? • Will it make the best use of land?
Health, Sport and Recreation	To improve health through the promotion of healthier lifestyles and improving access to open space and health, recreation and sports facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve health and well-being and reduce inequalities in health? • Will it improve access to health services? • Will it improve access to the countryside, coast, recreation and open spaces? • Will it increase participation and engagement in physical activity and sport? • Will it lead to unacceptable noise levels?

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Economic Development	To support a balanced and low carbon economy that meets the needs of the area and promotes a diverse range of quality employment opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote a diverse range of employment opportunities? • Will it provide affordable, small scale, managed workspace to support local need? • Will it support the development of access to ICT facilities, including Broadband, particularly in rural areas? Will it raise the quality of employment and reduce seasonality?
Education and Skills	To maximise accessibility for all to the necessary education, skills and knowledge to play a full role in society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it help improve the qualifications and skills of young people? • Will it improve facilities and opportunities for lifelong learning (particularly for those with greatest need)? • Will it help increase the County's skilled and professional workforce? • Will it support a viable future for rural communities? • Will it encourage a greater diversity of choice in skills training as part of regeneration efforts? • Will it increase accessibility to training facilities?
Transport and Accessibility	<p>To improve access to key services and facilities by reducing the need to travel and by providing safe sustainable travel choices.</p> <p>To reduce traffic congestion and minimise transport related greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote sustainable forms of transport (public transport including bus and rail, cycle and pedestrian routes) and ensure the necessary associated infrastructure is made available? • Will it reduce traffic congestion by promoting alternative modes of transport? • Will it reduce the need to travel by seeking to balance homes, jobs, services and facilities? • Will it lead to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions? • Will it improve service provision or provide a service or facility which is accessible to all, including those with disabilities and those in the more rural areas? • Will it transfer freight from road to rail and/or sea?
Energy	To encourage the use of renewable energy, increase energy efficiency and security and reduce fuel poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote and support the use of renewable and low carbon energy technologies? • Will it help reduce fuel poverty? • Will it encourage local energy production?