

Frequently Asked Questions

To get an idea of what the Neighbourhood Development Plan is all about, have a look at the 2 page document called [What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?](#)

What do NDP and NP mean? Are they different things?

NDP stands for Neighbourhood Development Plan.

NP stands for Neighbourhood Plan.

Both terms and abbreviations mean the same thing, but NDP is now more common.

Why not make the NDP shorter and the language easier to understand?

The NDP is a legal document, so the wording has to be formal.

Cornwall Council provided the template and much of the wording for the NDP.

Development (Planning) Officers put the policies into “planning speak” i.e. legal wording.

Our NDP is long. We have a lot more policies than others, but they reflect what residents told us is important to them e.g. there are 12 policies under the Environment and Heritage Objective. Our Environment policies have been declared a model for others.

There are 4 key documents. Which is most important?

For most people, it will be **the NDP** as this includes:

The Vision Statement (on page 14)

The Objectives (on pages 14-16)

The 29 Policies. The policies are [in the green shaded boxes](#).

What are the 3 other key documents for?

The Evidence Summary gives all the references for the evidence.

The External Examiner will check this.

The Appendix contains extra documents which give additional evidence and detail.

The External Examiner will review these.

The Sustainability Check confirms that the policies are sustainable and in line with the guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework (2019).

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

Who is the External Examiner?

The External Examiner is an independent specialist.

Cornwall Council appoints the External Examiner to check that the draft NDP meets all the legal requirements. This happens towards the end of the process.

When will the NDP be finished?

After the External Examiner and Parish Council have agreed the NDP, there will be a referendum. If the parish residents support the NDP at referendum, the NDP will be adopted and used alongside the Cornwall Local Plan. Currently, it is difficult to predict when the NDP will be adopted. We are hoping it will be towards the end of 2020. The draft NDP already carries “some weight” and can be used as evidence in planning matters.