

10.08.20. NDP Working Group Report From:

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1. Summary of outcomes from Parish Council Reg.14 Consultation

- **Comments**

The full comments are published in the Consultation Statement in Annexes 12 and 13, c.f.

https://www.tywardreathandparparishcouncil.gov.uk/data/uploads/1224_569459608.pdf. Many of the comments submitted by the local community – individuals and organisations - were insightful and detailed. In some cases, we amended wording, but more often we have left it to the independent External Examiner to take a view, as much of the wording had already been agreed with Cornwall Council Development Officers. There were no wholly negative comments and the vast majority of the comments were positive (as noted below). We were particularly delighted by the response from Fowey River Practice Patient Participation Group, given the emphasis on Health and Wellbeing in many of our policies.

“Policy CHW1: Healthcare Facilities: the justification is both current and accurate. The concept of a local Primary Care Network continues to be discussed and we are aware of considerable support for the concept. Although no decisions have yet been taken on partnership working, the present Coronavirus pandemic may well advise on both this and new methods of consultation. The analysis of the area demographic is again accurate as is the description of neighbouring secondary and hospice facilities. The PPG is able to support fully both Policy CHW1 on Healthcare Facilities and Policy CHW2 on Care Home Facilities. In summary, the Fowey River Practice PPG is happy to support the relevant policies in this Development Plan and wishes the parish every success in seeking its adoption by Cornwall Council.”

Key organisations which supported the NDP included amongst others: Fowey Town Council; the Open Spaces Society; CPRE, the Countryside Charity; and the Eden Project.

- **Cornwall Council Legal Compliance report** – the report was positive about both the comments received above and recognised that the NDP policies emphasise wellbeing and accessibility, c.f. additional comments under website below.

2. Cornwall Council Consultation

Cornwall Council confirmed that no amendments were required to the NDP documentation and that the CC consultation is running between Thursday 6th August until Thursday 15th October (10 weeks in total). At some point during this period

Cornwall Council will approach the Parish Council about the appointment of an External Examiner.

3. Community Engagement

- **St Austell Voice** requested a second interview about the NDP and published an article with photo of DH next to the Armillary Sphere at Par Track. St Austell Voice has kindly allowed us to post the article on the NDP section of the PC website, c.f. PL 24 Press Releases
<https://www.tywardreathandparparishcouncil.gov.uk/communityengagement.php>
Our recent press release was quoted extensively and the focus on Blue Green Tourism/ Health and Wellbeing was highlighted along with our hope that this will give the local economy a boost.
- **Ongoing** – Cornwall Council consultation posters are up in the 3 Parish noticeboards (Par, Tywardreath and Tywardreath Highway), in Par and Tywardreath generally as well as the surrounding, more rural areas. Locations include among others: St Andrew’s Church, Par Beach, Par Track, St Andrew’s Rd. Wetlands Reserve, Polmear Parc and along the Saints’ Way.
JP and AW continue to keep the community informed about what is going on via Facebook postings and emails to those who has asked for updates on progress.
- **Website** – AW has continued to update the website. Updates include the Cornwall Council Consultation Public Notice and the Legal Compliance Report from Cornwall Council. AW has produced a summary of the Public Notice, focusing on Cornwall Council’s offer to send out the NDP in booklet form to those without internet access and a simpler list as to how people can comment on the planning application. This is on the website and in a similar format will go out via email and on Facebook postings. As far as the Legal Compliance Report is concerned, there are a couple of key comments:
“The overall impacts of the neighbourhood plan are considered to be positive. The NDP is especially cognisant of wellbeing and accessibility which has positive outcomes for all members of the community, but can be considered especially relevant to those with the protected characteristics of age and disability.” (para 9.5)
and
“The community has had an opportunity to comment on the Plan and influence its development. Statutory consultees were supportive of the Plan and where they have made suggestions for amendments to strengthen the Plan these have been made where possible.” (para 10.3)
- **Other** – Collin Harker, Chairperson, Par Track has kindly offered the track as a location for a future NDP event when/if the situation allows. NDP members have also been considering whether to offer one or two open meetings on Zoom in September (during the Cornwall Council consultation period). No decision has yet been made on this.

- **PL24 Magazine (September 2020 edition)**

AW has written an article for PL24 magazine which will also be posted as usual on the website at the beginning of September. It reminds residents that they will need to be registered to vote in order to be able to vote in the referendum (whenever that might be).

- **Grant Application – postcard**

There is a grant of £1,000 available to NDP groups through extra Covid-19 funding. If we get the grant, we will be asking St Austell Printing to produce and mail out a postcard for us to all the households in the parish which focuses on letting people know that Cornwall Council will send out NDP booklets to those without internet access and has a simpler list of what to do if someone wishes to comment. DQ will be bidding for the maximum £1000, as that will leave a little over for printing and refreshments for an event prior to the NDP referendum whenever that might be.

4. FANAG (Flooding and Natural Amelioration Group)

Roy Taylor and AW attended the FANAG meeting. This meeting focused specifically on the St Blazey, StARR sites. Tom Fletcher of the Environment Agency (EA) was not present at the meeting on this occasion and it is the EA which is taking the lead on the St Andrews Rd. Wetland Reserve Site, so this area was not discussed.

There were two areas of particular interest for Tywardreath and Par Parish.

- a) Jenny Moore is drawing up a list of community groups which might be interested in helping with the design, creation and maintenance of each individual StARR site. The EA is responsible for the maintenance of the hard engineering element of the sites but community groups could assist or take responsibility for planting, weeding, general maintenance. Cornwall Council is intending to add a StARR page to Cornwall Council's "Let's Talk" digital platform and it is hoped that this will promote community engagement with the project in these Covid-19 times.
- b) **Cornwall Beaver Project** <https://www.facebook.com/cornwallbeaverproject/>
Chris Jones (CJ) is a farmer who has reintroduced beavers in Ladock with a view to controlling water flow. CJ gave an overview of the project which was prompted by the flooding of 17 houses in 2012. The intention is to bring various interested parties together, agencies and organisations such as the Environment Agency, Cornwall Council, West Country Rivers Trust, TEVI and landowners and residents in areas affected by flooding. AW asks whether this may be of interest to the Parish Council, given the parish catchment basins include Polmear Stream, Tywardreath Stream, Treesmill Stream and Par River. More detailed notes are available from AW who is note-taker for FANAG.