

TYWARDREATH & PAR PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Four years ago, a poster went up, inviting local people to come along and hear what a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) might do for our parish. By the end of the meeting, there was a group of volunteers willing to give it a go. We came to the process with open minds and learnt a lot along the way. For a start, we discovered that many of us didn't actually know where the parish boundaries are. More of us do now!

See the Tywardreath and Par Parish Map at <https://tinyurl.com/tandpndp>

After lots of discussion, numerous community events and 5 surveys, we know that:

- a) many residents support building some "truly" affordable housing for those with links to the parish and want social rented housing. 1-bedroom homes were at the top of the list.
- b) protecting the environment and promoting bio-diversity are really important to us. We value our Green Spaces, green fields and agriculture. We know we are lucky to have Blue Spaces too, such as Par Beach, the Duck pond and Tywardreath Marsh along with our footpaths and tranquil environment. We are in favour of promoting positive Health and Wellbeing and wish to make our beautiful parish accessible to all, wherever possible.

Balancing **a)** and **b)** was a challenge, but we believe our NDP does just that.

Where are we now?

Consultation on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has finished.

An independent External Examiner, Liz Beth, is now looking at comments, scrutinising the policies and will be making recommendations for the Parish Council to consider. Once the NDP is agreed, it is over to Cornwall Council to organise – and pay for – the referendum.

Planning for the Future?

At national level, the recent White Paper "Planning for the Future" proved to be controversial. Cornwall Council's response was robust: "The increase in housing numbers, resulting from that proposed revised methodology, for Cornwall of some 44% is undeliverable and there is a real risk that these proposals result in unregulated sprawl and unsustainable development, to which many settlements in Cornwall are highly vulnerable."

Whatever the outcome of the government's consultation, we believe NDPs will still play an important role in shaping development.

If you want to have a say in the future of Tywardreath and Par Parish, make sure you are registered to vote by contacting Electoral Services on 0300 1231 115 or go to the Cornwall Council website:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/register-to-vote/>



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