

As we near the end of the NDP process, we are already looking towards the future. The referendum on the NDP is expected to take place, once elections resume. If residents vote for the NDP to be adopted, according to current practice the parish council will then review it after 12 months. After this, the parish council will be expected to review and update the NDP every few years in line with Cornwall Council/Government guidance. No-one can predict how planning guidance will change in the future, but we can be sure it will include recommendations on how we might best meet the challenge of climate change.

In December 2020, Cornwall Council started Consultation on the 'Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD) on proposed Renewable Energy and Sustainable Construction Policy and Evidence'. The page can be viewed here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/adopted-plans/development-plan-documents/climate-change-development-plan-document/>

As part of the development process, there has been a substantial amount of work put into evaluating the sensitivity to onshore wind installations and solar energy installations in relation to the Landscape Character of specific areas across Cornwall which were identified as Character Areas (CAs) in the 2005-2007 Landscape Character Study'. For the purposes of this assessment, Tywardreath and Par Parish falls into area CA 32: St Austell Bay and Luxulyan Valley and the parish has been assigned a 'Renewables Landscape Unit' (RLU) number: RLU 32.

There are several documents of interest on the Cornwall Council site, including 'The Methodology and Overview of Results' which can be found here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/45313641/methodology-and-overview-of-results-v01.pdf>

More detail on our specific area can be found under the heading 'Renewable Landscapes Units 17-33' on p.89 at: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/45313633/rlu-assessments-17-to-33.pdf>

It is pleasing to note how closely the more detailed assessment of areas within RLU 32 concord with Cllr David Hughes's excellent 'Landscape Character Assessment' and 'Land Use Classification' documents in Appendix A and Appendix B respectively of the Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP. The External Examiner also recognised that policy E3, written by David Quoroll, "identified views that are certainly worth protecting" and it is gratifying to see photos taken from the top of Penpillick Hill overlooking Par and Gribbin Head within the Cornwall Council document. Alison White developed the E2 Tranquil Areas policy, a first for Neighbourhood Planning as far as Cornwall Council is aware, and it is also good to see that the importance of tranquillity has been recognised in the draft Climate Change Development Document. Consultation ends at 5pm on 5th February 2021 and we urge all residents to look at the documents and submit their views.