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### **TORPOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN GETS READY TO MEET THE COMMUNITY**

*Members of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group are getting ready to meet the community face-to-face in a series of roadshow events, to enable people to continue to have their say on the future development of Torpoint.*

Since the launch of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan in March, work has been gathering pace, and members and volunteers of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering group are preparing to deliver a number of consultation events throughout the town, including a stand at the Torpoint Carnival on Saturday 12th September.

The Steering Group to-date have disseminated over three-and-a-half thousand surveys to local residents, collated over 1,200 responses, analysed the findings, established a website, received a video from Torpoint Nursery and Infants School, appointed official town planners, and begun the work to create the vision for Torpoint. But the next vital step is to test out some of the ideas collected in the survey with members of the local community, to get a stronger sense of opinion and direction.

A logo for the plan has been created by Jonathan Cowd of Torpoint, with the design roughly depicting the topics being considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan such as, traffic, environment, leisure, recreation, open spaces, waterfront, nature, housing, education, industry & commerce, and includes a couple of Torpoint's recognisable landmarks incorporated within the logo.

Councillor Mrs. Andrea Johnson, Chair of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group said, "We are keen to ensure that our whole community, young and old, all feel that they have had an opportunity to contribute to Torpoint's Neighbourhood Development Plan, that's why we are arranging a number of consultation events to keep the dialogue flowing." She added, "our event at the carnival will give people the opportunity to look at our

progress to date, and add their comments. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible.”

A website for the plan is available at [www.torpointplan.org.uk](http://www.torpointplan.org.uk)  
All minutes and documents from meetings are available for public viewing on this website, and also through our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/torpointneighbourhoodplan](http://www.facebook.com/torpointneighbourhoodplan)

For more information, or to get involved with the project please contact:  
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### **Notes for editors**

Torpoint, with a population of almost 8,000 lies at the mouth of the river Tamar, Cornwall, opposite Devonport dockyard and the city of Plymouth. The river is crossed by three chain ferries, which carry cars, buses, trucks and pedestrians across the 500 yard wide tidal estuary. Torpoint is the Gateway of South East Cornwall and the Rame peninsula.

A Neighbourhood Plan comprises the use and development of land within an area, in this case Torpoint. The community can contribute their ideas, likes and dislikes in respect of issues that matter to them be they, facilities, housing, land use, environment, heritage, arts and so on. A Neighbourhood Plan, once it has passed through a number of steps, and been scrutinised by Cornwall Council, can then be voted upon by the local people. Once approved and accepted, the Neighbourhood Plan becomes law.

Torpoint Town Council is working in partnership with the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

Funding for the project has been won from the Awards for All, Big Lottery Fund.

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