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### **TORPOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN SURGES FORWARD!**

*Members of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group are getting ready to reveal how the plan is evolving at a public meeting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Council Chambers.*

Since the launch of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan in March, work has been ongoing with members of the community, to identify the types of development people would like, what they wouldn't like, the best locations for new development, and areas of the town to protect and preserve. During September and October, the steering group met with hundreds of members of the public, at roadshow events at Torpoint Carnival, Torpoint Library and at Carbeile Junior School. The opinions and ideas of everyone who has been spoken with have been put into the mix alongside the findings from the survey earlier in the year.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, at Torpoint Council Chambers, the appointed consultants, Clifton Emery, will present the progress of the project thus far. The event will consist of three presentations; at 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm. Followed by an opportunity to look at the progress so far, meet members of the steering group, and ask questions. There is no need to book, residents are invited to just turn up.

Councillor Mrs Andrea Johnson, Chair of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan steering group said, "We felt the time was right to begin to share with the public, the progress of the project so far, and for townsfolk to feel that they can have an opinion on the ideas coming forward. We hope this event will be every bit as well-attended as our earlier public meetings, and look forward to seeing as many people as possible." She added, "The Steering Group are very excited to be able to show the progress of seven months of hard work and consultation."

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 the website, and also through our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/torpointneighbourhoodplan](https://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.

The town was originally developed to provide housing for workers at the dockyard, and naval facilities were also built around the town. At one time the main route from Plymouth to Cornwall was across the ferry, but the opening of the Tamar Bridge north of the town, the decline of employment at the dockyard, and the reduction in Royal Navy facilities has seen the focus of the town shift towards providing local employment, as well as providing housing for workers in Plymouth.

Nearby Antony House (now in the ownership of the National Trust) is the seat of the Carew-Pole family, whose forebears were responsible for much of the early development of the town in the eighteenth century. The house contains an extensive portrait collection, and the surrounding gardens and park, laid out by Repton offer delightful walks with vistas across the estuary.

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.

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