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## TORPOINT VISION GENERATING TOWN-WIDE DISCUSSION

The recently launched first draft of the Torpoint Vision has become a huge talking point in the town, with young and old, residents and business-owners all having their say on the plans that will shape their town for the future.

Inspired by feedback from locals, the first draft of the Torpoint Vision was distributed to households in Torpoint over the New Year, and followed up with an electronic copy sent to local businesses, with the idea of capturing feedback on the draft proposals.

The feedback from businesses and residents has been coming in thick and fast online, and in letters and emails. There has been strong support and praise for the work of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group; the members of which are volunteers and a small number of Town Councillors. Residents are also delighted that there are steps afoot to improve the town for all.

A number of questions about the proposals have been asked, and the Steering Group have worked these up into a Frequently Asked Questions document which has been posted online, and added to as and when questions are posed.

Torpoint Town Mayor Mr Michael Pearn MBE said, "It's vital that we hear from the residents of Torpoint, on their thoughts for the future of the town, thank you to everyone who has commented thus far."

Cllr Andrea Johnson, Chair of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering group said, "The next step in the process, is to review all the feedback received, and input that into the design proposal and suggestions for the town, to produce version two. There is still time to comment on the proposals, before a refined version is released in mid-February." She added, "not all the ideas illustrated in the first draft will make it through to the revised proposal, and that's why this consultative phase is vital."

For more information, or to view or respond to the plans, please view our online resources.

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## Notes for editors

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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