SHAPING DEVELOPMENT IN TORPOINT WITH THE COMMUNITY

In February 2017 the community of Torpoint will have a chance to review the first draft of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan. The draft plan will be available for review and comment online at <u>www.torpointplan.org.uk</u>. There will be a series of events at the Council Chambers in York Road, with printed copies of the plan available for review at the Town Council offices and Town Library.

The Neighbourhood Plan brings together nine months of hard work by Torpoint Town Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who, since completing and publishing the award winning Vision for Torpoint, have developed further the policies for the plan. The Town Council have engaged planning professional Neal Jillings of Jillings Haynes Planning Ltd to draft the Neighbourhood Plan document.

Chair of the Steering Group Councillor Gary Davis said, "In compiling the plan we have completed many hours of research, including community consultation, to ensure we preserve and protect what the community really love about the town and also to capture those areas that could be improved and rejuvenated.

We identified a high need for additional housing with affordable homes a clear priority; locating suitable sites for potential development has been a challenge whilst wanting to maintain Torpoint's green spaces. We feel our draft plan offers the right balance for growth and conservation to ensure the town will flourish. This consultation will help demonstrate whether or not our plan is ready for submission to Cornwall Council and other relevant authorities for their review and feedback in the spring."

Mayor of Torpoint, Councillor John Crago said "The hard work and dedication of the members of the Town Council's community steering group has been invaluable, I urge residents of the town to review the document and have your say."

Upon completion of the final neighbourhood plan, residents will be given the opportunity through referendum to adopt the plan as planning policy, which will shape town development over the next fifteen years.

Date	Location	Time
Thursday 9 th February 2017	Committee Room, Council Chambers, York Road	6.00pm – 9.00pm
Tuesday 14 th February 2017	Committee Room, Council Chambers, York Road	1.00pm – 4.00pm and 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Saturday 18 th February 2017	Committee Room, Council Chambers, York Road	10.00am – 2.00pm

Planned drop-in consultation events in the town:

Further details available on the neighbourhood plan and vision can be found at <u>www.torpointplan.org.uk</u>.

Further details on the Torpoint Town Council or the town can be found at Www.torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk.

All minutes and documents from meetings are available for public viewing on the website, and also through our Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/torpointneighbourhoodplan</u>

For more information, or to get involved with the project please contact: <u>admin@torpointtowncouncil.org.uk</u>.