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THE FUTURE TORPOINT REVEALED AT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION EVENT

Over 130 people attended a town consultation event in Torpoint over the weekend, and bagged a first-hand look into what a futuristic Torpoint might look like.

Inspired by feedback from locals, and the work of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan, part of Torpoint Town Council, townspeople had their first opportunity to look at the designs for a Torpoint of the future, at a consultation event held on Saturday 21 November.

Audience members were treated to a brief presentation outlining the possible future development projects for the town, known as the Vision for Torpoint. The vision itself has been informed solely by residents of Torpoint. Throughout 2015 people have informed the Council about the issues that are important to them. These issues have been analysed and converted into the design proposal now on display.

The most common themes that have come through the consultation include: Improving the bottom end of town; making the waterfront better; enhancing Thanckes Park; building on existing leisure and sports facilities; including a new all-weather pitch and a strong desire for a town swimming pool, developing shopping choice; providing more housing to meet the needs of local people; creating employment opportunities, more efficient transport; buses, the ferries, pedestrian and cycle routes and parking; walks around the waterfront and into wider countryside; supporting Fore Street; and improving the overall image of the town for residents and visitors.

Torpoint Town Mayor Councillor Mike Pearn MBE said, "Taking into consideration all the feedback received, the team from Clifton Emery Design have come up with innovative, realistic and appropriate plans for the town." He added, "The feedback we received at the event was very positive, and it was super to see so many townspeople take the time to meet with us and share their views on the proposals."

Councillor Andrea Johnson, Chair of the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering group said, "The next step in the process is to look at people's responses to the proposal, and see what modifications we need to make to the vision. We will have the proposals on display and online,

and encourage people to please share their views with us.” She continued, “Once we have got to a stage that everyone is largely happy with, the vision will then form the basis of our community Neighbourhood Plan.”

The presentations were led by the Steering Group, and Neil Emery of Clifton Emery Design Ltd, the partner organisation in the project, and financially supported by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

For more information, or to view the plans, please view our online resources, and look out for the plans on display around Torpoint,

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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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