

A Vision for Torpoint

Connecting a
Cornish town with
its community,
waterfront and
hinterland



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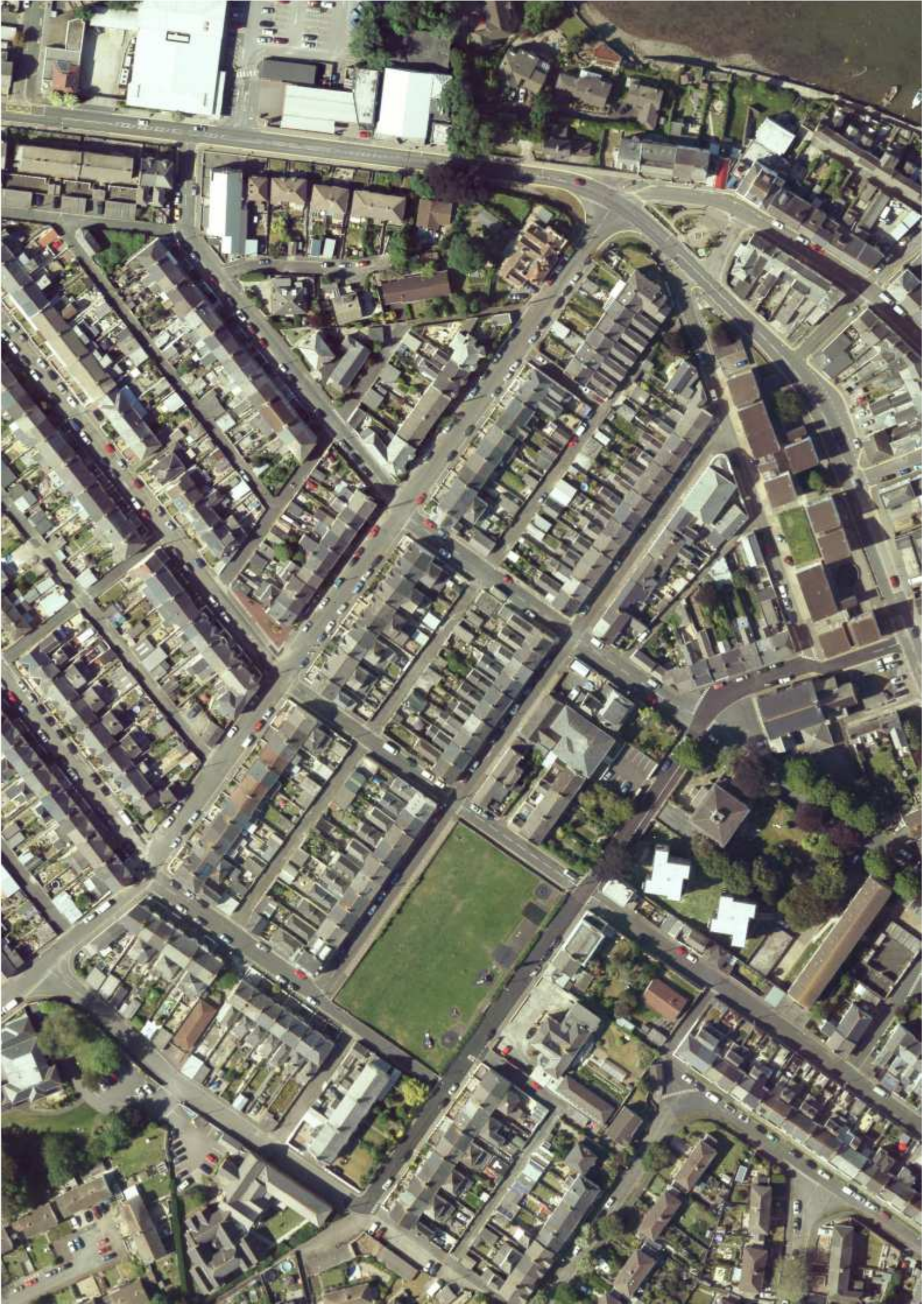
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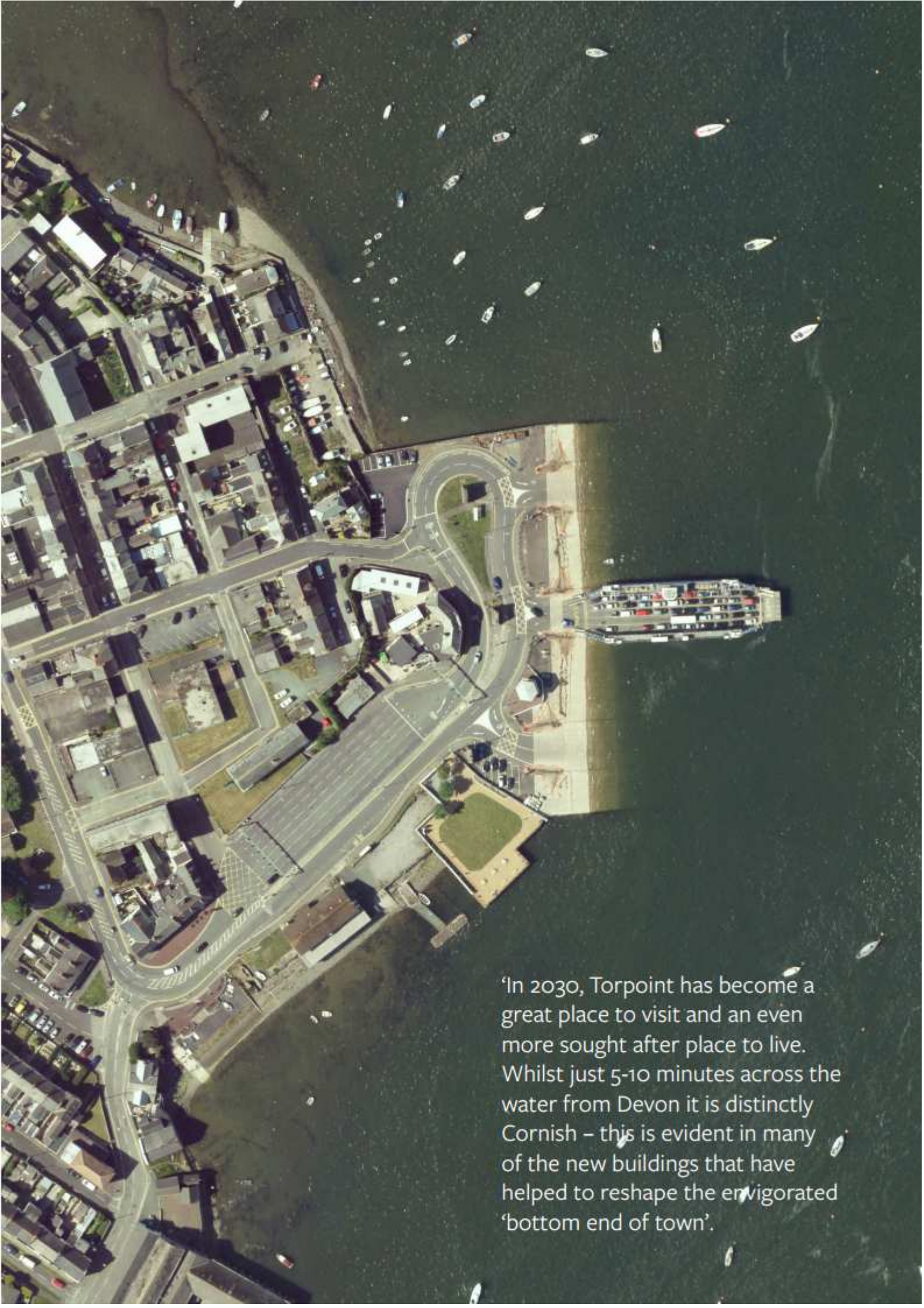
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'In 2030, Torpoint has become a great place to visit and an even more sought after place to live. Whilst just 5-10 minutes across the water from Devon it is distinctly Cornish – this is evident in many of the new buildings that have helped to reshape the enervated 'bottom end of town'.



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Foreword

50 ideas for creating a better place.

The Vision for Torpoint has been prepared in order to set out a physical Vision for how Torpoint could change for the better. The result is a strategy and series of 50 ideas that point to how the town could be improved – these are set out in this document.

The Town Council has worked closely with interested stakeholders and the local community during 2015, and the early part of 2016 to find out what people think about Torpoint. This has resulted in the generation of many ideas that have helped to shape the Vision.

The ideas in the Vision provide a framework that is intended to guide and give focus to future change. The Vision does not provide a blueprint that will be followed to the letter but rather a series of proposals that if implemented will contribute towards stimulating positive change. By identifying where and how improvements can be made, Torpoint will be in a much better position to bid for funding and influence where scarce resources are targeted.

The Vision has been shaped by the people of the town - over 2,000 locals have responded to consultation initiatives. The Vision aims to address issues raised and ideas put forward.

The ideas vary in scale and likely impact – for example: temporary projects such as a town tidy – removing graffiti and mending things that are broken would help to kick start a renewed civic pride in the town; smaller projects such as an art work to celebrate the entrance into Cornwall from the Torpoint Ferry would announce a new aspiration and begin to present a new image; a ferry passenger landing facility and visitor centre at Rendel Park would

begin to reshape the role of the waterfront in the town; and the redevelopment of the redundant buildings at the ‘bottom end of town’ would begin to re-forge the image of Torpoint more fundamentally and begin to create a much improved relationship between the town centre and the waterfront.

The Vision contains recommendations for the Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan, if and when adopted, would provide a legal framework for managing development in Torpoint – supporting the Cornwall Local Plan. Work towards moving the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan will take place during 2016 – the Vision will form an important foundation to this.

Funding and commercial viability will underpin the ability to deliver the projects in the Vision. Good fortune and a flexible approach will be important to success - it is a given that change will need to be incremental. By generating a positive momentum from the right projects being delivered in the right place at the right time – the impact on the town could be transformational.

Through hard work and a focus on delivery Torpoint can become a better place that is in tune with the aspirations of its people.

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‘Most visitors to Torpoint do not
stop and explore; they pass through
on their way to or from the ferry
and most of all take away a false
impression that little of historic
interest survives in the town’