

FOWEY PARISH PLAN 2011

Priorities: preserving and developing commerce and employment; affordable housing; extended bus service and public transport; enhanced community facilities; traffic management; enhanced police presence and liaison; improved health and social care

COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Aim: To retain existing shops, retail and commercial businesses

Action: Develop planning policies to prevent change from business to residential use of town centre properties.

Aim: Promote new businesses and facilitate expansion of existing businesses and employment for local people.

Action: Make action plan to create, sustain and develop new business and sustainable employment opportunities, including start-up initiatives.

Develop planning framework and to prioritise the use of sites (including waterside) for the expansion of businesses to support the town and port.

Aim: To retain essential services in the town e.g. post office, banking and ATMs

Action: To make representations and act as required.

Aim: Access to education and learning

Action: Liaise with Adult Education and others to provide a broad range of accessible learning and skills courses.

PLANNING INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOMES

Aim: To have only developments which are 'community led' in terms of those meeting the needs of the local community in terms of work and housing. This will include development opportunities identified by the community, all of which are in accord with the aims of this Plan as a whole but specifically: the character and distinctiveness of the town (see Heritage and Tourism); preservation and development of commerce and employment (see Commerce and Employment) and enhancement of community services (see Community Services).

Action: Consider 'village design statement' or 'neighbourhood plan' achieved by a community-led approach to a local development framework or neighbourhood development order, in line with the 'localism' agenda.

Aim: Meet demand for affordable and social housing (for rent and purchase) based on Town Council surveys of needs of the Fowey residents and potential sites. Homes to be sustainable in terms of energy and build.

Action: Produce a neighbourhood plan as supplementary planning guidance for local development framework or neighbourhood development order.

Aim: Developments for housing should be small and in accordance with the need for affordable housing and also possible need for cross subsidy, preferably situated on brown-field sites and not on green field sites i.e. ANOB.

No retail premises sited out of town or on green field sites (including ANOB), which will be to the detriment of town centre businesses in terms of competition e.g. supermarkets. The town centre also needs to retain its essential services such as post offices, banks and ATM.

Aim: Support economic regeneration

Action: Industrial or commercial units and work/live units on brown field sites or small developments on the outskirts of the town. Developments should be sustainable in terms of energy and build.

Aim: Meet identified and special needs for residents who are retired, disabled and/or on low incomes.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Aim: Provide a community centre for Fowey, with optimum capacity and access, possibly as part of a larger development.

Action: Identify requirements and potential sites and funding.

Aim: Develop and improve leisure and recreational facilities.

Action: Make a case for or improve access to a covered swimming pool.

Action: Extend footpaths for walkers and link with local transport where appropriate.

Action: Maintain and support adequate library provision and access

Aim: Improve the access to the town for wheelchair and buggy users

Action: Survey the town centre streets to determine where pavement ramps would be helpful and possible.

HERITAGE AND TOURISM

Aim: Retain the unique character of the Fowey area

Action: In liaison with Visit Cornwall, manage tourism by providing a local development framework or neighbourhood plan for Cornwall Council to nurture high quality tourism.

Action: Retain character and distinctiveness of the town.

Support proposals for encouraging visitors on foot and by water

Contribute to improved facilities for boat users, particularly where land use is involved

Research and evaluate to develop opportunities for improving public areas for the benefit of visitors and residents, particularly Town Quay (e.g. paving) and other water-facing areas.

Consider extension of the work of the Heritage Project to further enhance the visitor experience.

Continue to promote sustainable tourism

Investigate case for banning all vehicles from Town Quay during the summer months.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Aim: Ensure community policing meets all reasonable needs

Action: Strive to increase community police presence in Fowey

Work with the police in terms of crime prevention and awareness

Improve town parking and traffic control.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Aim: Provide appropriate facilities

Action: Consult with representatives of young people in both schools and church

Identify sites and funding for provision of facilities needed.

Work with young people to develop existing facilities and identify funding.

Support initiatives by local sports and sailing clubs.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Aim: Ensure maintenance and optimal use of local hospital offering GP beds and minor injury treatment.

Action: Liaise with body/bodies managing local health services.

Provide information regarding health and social care services for all residents.

Aim: Provide sheltered housing, residential, nursing and day care for older people

Action: Investigate potential sites and the possibility of day-care facilities or drop-in service for older residents in current town locations.

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Town traffic management

Aim: Strive for a balance between vehicle and pedestrian access throughout Fowey.

Action: Liaise with CC Highways and Police to investigate and evaluate benefit of restricted town access for vehicles and the employment of a traffic manager.

Research best practice for the above by liaison with other towns

Identify locations for more loading bays

Research restriction of vehicle size and how this could also affect planned building work

Evaluate options for enforcing proposed traffic access restriction including delivery times

Improve signage to encourage use of the out-of-town centre car parks with clear, simple and consistent signage.

Rationalise all traffic and other signage.

Consider: park-and-ride; car clubs; park-and-float and linked transport schemes e.g. oyster card

Provide a community bus

Improve Fowey Town traffic control

Develop proposals for consultations and implement

Review current seasonal parking restrictions

Aim: Maintenance and possible extension of the Fowey bus service

Action: Establish reliable, affordable, 'green' bus service to meet the needs of the community

Aim: Maintain regular public transport (including water based) between Fowey and the neighbouring communities

Action: Make representations to local transport providers as required.

FOWEY – SUSTAINABILITY

Energy efficiency

Aim: To achieve optimum energy efficiency as and where appropriate. Also to create renewable energy generation to benefit the community by providing an income for the town via the feed-in tariff.

Action: Encourage energy surveys of the following properties: residential; business; agricultural and community facilities

Action: Identify potential sites for renewable energy devices.

Action: Investigate feasibility of power from: wind; solar, heat pumps; hydro; biomass (coppicing); community purchase schemes for domestic/heating oil; bio diesel (produced from used cooking oil); tidal/wave power; insulation including retrofit.

Action: Identify funding including grants and loans.

Aim: Compliance with: planning and development of local development framework or neighbourhood plan as required. Compliance with legislation (health & safety) and environmental targets.

Action: Ensure current information is available to the local community.

Transport

Aim: Endeavour to provide alternative transport to reduce fuel consumption.

Action: Investigate the following: car sharing for commuters and shoppers; community bus route extensions; rail link; consolidation of deliveries to the town; park and ride; electric vehicles and extended water transport.

Waste management

Aim: Increase local recycling services

Action: Investigate sites and improvements as follows: more green waste collection; box containers for recycling where possible; recycling for cartons; engine and cooking oil; batteries; incineration.

Aim: Maintain optimum rubbish collection service and reduce business waste i.e. packaging.

Action: Liaise with Cornwall Council and businesses.

Aim: Encourage more domestic recycling and composting including use of micro-organisms.

Action: Provide information and increase awareness of recycling potential.

Aim: Ensure pollution prevention.

Action: Increase the number of dog loos provided in the town and address the issue of rubbish in the streets when left out unprotected.

Food

Aim: Encourage growth and sale of local seasonal produce.

Action: Investigate the feasibility of a weekly market in the town and facilitate local food markets and locally produced food in town shops.

Action: Investigate: garden sharing; community gardens and orchards; more allotments; locally produced food for community meals through local community services.

Action: Audit of local businesses and local food use.

Action: Encourage availability of local food crops.

Water

Aim: Management of waste water and reduction in water consumption.

Action: Encourage recycling of 'grey' and rain water collection; water sumps in houses.

Community engagement

Aim: To engage the whole community in a culture of sustainability.

Action: Distribute domestic and business energy surveys.

Action: Involve community groups.

Action: Develop and distribute information to increase awareness of: the issues surrounding climate change; the need to save conventional energy; generation of new sustainable energy; recycling and pollution prevention.

Action: Consult and work in partnership with: local schools; community networks; other local communities; transition network; Cornwall Council; Carbon Trust; Community Energy Plus; Centre for Sustainable Energy.

Action: Seek community volunteers to lead sustainable projects.

Environment

Aim: Protect biodiversity

Action: work with Cornwall Wildlife Trust, the Voluntary Marine Conservation Area and Cornwall Biodiversity Action Plan, to protect the special riverine and estuarine environment.

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