New Cornwall Local Plan

The world changes – the climate is changing, and the population and our needs are changing and so Cornwall Council has to write a new Local Plan

The new Local Plan will cover the period up to 2050. It will set out what can be built and where. It will create rules on everything that makes up a place, from what to protect and how buildings are designed, to how people get around. This will include:

Housing, places to work, town centres, energy generation, new schools, health and community facilities, transport, and green infrastructure, such as parks, local wildlife areas and woodlands.

The new Local Plan will also need to consider how Cornwall responds to the challenges of a changing population and climate, support nature recovery and improve people's lives and work chances.

If our community wants to make an input to the new Local Plan we need to produce a Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS). NPS's do not contain planning policies and will not be part of the New Local Plan but they will allow our community to represent to CC the community's wishes about what growth and development we would like to see up to 2050

When Cornwall Council writes policies for the new Local Plan, they will have a legal duty to consider all approved NPS. NPS's have to be submitted to CC by October 2027; the date for Local Plan adoption is by June 2029

The Parish Council has expressed an interest in carrying out an NPS. We do not have to carry one out but if we want our community to have an input in the shape and future of our Parish this is our opportunity to do so.

The first step is to formally commit to producing one, we would need to formally vote and then submit a letter asking CC to designate St Breward as an NPS area: this to be sent to neighbourhoodplanning@cornwall.gov.uk (CC has given us a template for this)

Next set up a Steering Group with terms of reference (CC has given a template for this). The Steering Group itself need not be large; the idea would be to have different people looking into various strands. CC has suggested the topics we might cover; they are a general guide which we could use as a basis.

Over the last 18 months several parishes have taken part in a pilot study, we have access to the one carried out in St Day

CC can offer no financial help with carrying out an NPS, but will offer support especially with regard to data and maps

Communicating with a wide range of people is one of the most important parts of the neighbourhood priorities process. This ensures that the priorities reflect the view of our community.

As part of the process we will need to:

- Communicate regularly with our community to understand their hopes and ambitions for the parish
- Understand how they want our parish to evolve and the types of new development that will help to realise that vision
- Gather evidence across the parish (social, economic and environmental
- Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of our parish
- Develop a strong vision and a set of objectives for the future
- We could use the CC template and guidance to help us to do this. The template gives a suggested structure for our NPS by setting out some of the key issues we will need to consider and focus on setting out what our community want to achieve

'Make no mistake if the PC decided to carry out an NPS this will not be a 'tick box', there is going to be work and commitment needed – There will be a large amount of information to be collated and presented'