

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Neighbourhood Plan - What you said to us

On Saturday, 6th August and Saturday, 3rd September an information stall was set up at Whitecross Village Hall Produce Market. A third one was held on 1st October. We have put your unedited individual comments in the following categories. These are the broad themes which were identified by the Parish wide survey earlier this year.

Development:

Local people's home – low cost (could this be residential care?); Small rental units (commercial?); Develop in the field opposite Whitecross (think owned by Boconnoc); Develop Townsend (top of Polruan); Develop area by the old fire station; Small craft units to rent; Light industry and affordable homes; Pockets of 1 or 2 houses; When building is permitted to someone with 'local' connections, they should not be able to instantly sell; Homes were built in Kendal Park for locals only; To live in Polruan you need to work away – and those who work in Polruan have to live away – affecting school roll, shops, etc; Homes for young people; Affordable housing in Polruan; No more holiday homes; Not large development; Small family home accommodation to support families; Incubator units, i.e. small premises which could be made available to business start-ups; Look for creative skills funding; Encouragement of community involvement; Second home owners should pay business rates on council tax – A Must (this is not Parish Council or Cornwall Council decision)

Environment:

Keep it as it is!; Retain natural beauty; Safeguard wildlife; No more visible windmills; Infrastructure; Cheaper ferry fares; Reliable ferry service; Bus to meet ferries both sides; Bus service through Highway; Better maintained coastal path; More bins; Dog poo bin by Whitecross Village Hall; Free coastal parking (remove fees); Speed limit through Highway; Use of Sat Nav divert (Parish Council could put up divert signs like Polperro); Greater involvement in protection by the AONB (Remember Penmarlam); Protection of local heritage; Ferry slipway open to all including the water taxi;

Services & Facilities:

Broadband (we already have this – is this to do with speed and reliability?); Food recycling; More plastic recycling; Keep loos open (Parish Council has done this); DIY Shop; List of local businesses; More events like today's market; Protect the school; Support local facilities and small businesses; Local shop (there is one in Polruan and a high season one at Penmarlam, and now the successful monthly Local Produce Market held at Whitecross Village Hall); Infrastructure – road and rail; Village Hall on Kendal Park, Doctors' surgery to Kendal Park.

We are almost in a position to start drafting the plan but will need to wait for the results of a Housing Needs Survey we have commissioned from Cornwall Council and by the time you read this anyone with a Council Tax Account with CC will have a letter in the post inviting people to take part on-line. This goes live on 27th October and finishes on 8th December. We recognise that not everyone has access to email or WiFi and will hold two sessions at Whitecross Village Hall on 29th of October and 12th November between 10.00 and 12.30. Coffee and tea will be available as will laptops

and people to assist. If you would like to take advantage of this please give me a ring on 01726 870340 or Cllr Adrian Fisher on 01726 870448 to say whether and when you would like to attend, so that we can arrange transport as necessary. All the responses will be anonymous and handled confidentially by CC. The report should be available by the end of December/beginning of the New Year.

We are already making investigations into other comments that have been made regarding access to the water and landing stage at Bodinnick and a more convenient bus service. These are not strictly to do with planning but do matter to residents.

You, the residents, are clear in your comments that you value where you live, and although there is the wish to “keep it as it is” recognise that some development will need to take place, specifically for local need, possibly in small units of 1,2,3 houses, or infill. The circular argument is apparent; that we want the school to be kept but that to do this we need young families who will need somewhere to live and somewhere to earn a living. We can look at the idea of developing starter units for business start-ups but this at the moment is a bit vague, and we need to investigate further.

We are happy to bring the “street stall” to other places in the Parish; please get in contact with us if you would like us to attend at your next meeting and/or event.

This has been a fascinating project to be involved with and we look forward to making contact with as many residents as we can. The more engagement we have with members of the community the more able we will be to draft a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects your hopes, wants and needs for the future.

Cllr Pat Moore

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Neighbourhood Steering Group