

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Neighbourhood Plan Community Engagement at Russell Inn, Polruan, 3rd December 2019

- Cllr Adrian Fisher and Cllr Pat Moore in attendance and ten members of the public.
- We mounted a display with maps, images and questions used during the Community Consultation. Comments were noted
- Copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan were available as were the Local Landscape Character Assessment A4 Reports, Summary Reports of the Residents Survey and the Local Green Spaces Assessment. Several were taken away.
- The relationship between the draft NDP, LLCA Report and Local Open Spaces Assessment was talked about and how these and comments made in the Residents Survey underpin policies in the NDP

Comments included:

- If houses are built can it be guaranteed they won't become second homes? We explained how the Housing Association works and that a Housing Working Party has been set up.
- There are already too many second homes. There is little we can do about this as there is an open market out there. The comment was also made that where a property is a genuine second home and lived in for, say, half the year, then this is another way of contributing to the community. It was also recognised that these properties provide work for local people.
- The idea of start-up units or start-up funding was raised again. Veverey was mentioned as a possibility.
- People asked what is happening at Lady Ram's House. We explained the situation at Furze Park which is the building of a one-for-one house – when the replacement house is built the original is demolished and there will be no further development. The same was said about Headland, and any future redevelopments would have to be considered against current planning considerations.
- Townsend Farm was mentioned again with people suggesting that it could have several new uses. We explained that we understand the owner's intention is to convert this into a retirement home for himself and his daughter. People were not averse to this, wishing the site to be rehabilitated.
- There was some concern about several 1 ½ storey dormer bungalows being enlarged to 2 ½ storeys. This is permissible under present planning law,
- People were appreciative of the work that had gone into the draft NDP and were generally supportive.
- People don't want to lose the local character of the Parish and value its countryside, views and woodland. The Coast Path was mentioned as an asset to be protected

Thoughts: Thank you to everyone concerned and Robin for supplying the pasties and pints. This was an informal gathering with a mix of people, older and younger. The young are concerned about where they will live and also where they work. The idea of work units being developed was raised although people didn't really specify where these might be. They did realise that people setting up working at home is also feasible. They liked the idea of small development, recognising that this also means work for locals. It was suggested and agreed that the display be moved to the Reading Room until the end of the week so that people would have more time to view and consider.

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