

FALMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

WHAT IS THE FALMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN?

The Plan has been prepared by the community of Falmouth and has been submitted to Cornwall Council by Falmouth Town Council. The Plan has been under preparation since 2015, when a hundreds of local people took part in a community survey, and was written by community working groups. The Plan was consulted on in January to March 2016. After changes to take into account local views, and a long period of discussion with statutory bodies, the Plan was submitted to Cornwall Council on 15th July 2019.

WHAT IS THE CONSULTATION?

Starting on the 5th September and lasting until 17th October, Cornwall Council are consulting the community on the Falmouth Neighbourhood Development. That means the community of Falmouth have a further chance to submit comments and support the important local planning policies that are in the Plan.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Following the 6-week consultation period, any comments received will be sent to an Independent Examiner to consider along with the Plan. If the Examiner finds that the Neighbourhood Plan meets all of the legal and procedural requirements, Cornwall Council will arrange for a referendum to take place in early 2020. This will ask residents of Falmouth to decide whether the Neighbourhood Plan should be used to decide planning applications in the Falmouth area.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN BENEFITS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WILL BRING TO FALMOUTH?

- Protects from development over 140 of Falmouth's most cherished open spaces, including Boscawen Fields, the Beacon and all gardens, amenity spaces and other key sites.
- Proposals for the recognition, protection and enhancement of (a) the Falmouth Green Corridor (Swanpool to Tregonigge Woods). (b) Pendennis Point (c) Falmouth seafront and (d) a Falmouth Gardens Walk linking the town's principal parks and gardens.
- Prevents any further conversion of homes into houses in multiple occupation.
- Prevents any further development of purpose built student accommodation.
- Supports the regeneration of the town centre, including
 - Better accessibility for all
 - Improvement and extension of the shuttle bus service
 - Bringing upper storeys of the mains streets into use
 - Increased parking capacity in the Quarry and former TA site (if needed)
 - The development of Church Street car park into a high quality public space, with small scale sensitive development to support marine and community facilities.
- Supports opportunities for industry, businesses, tourism, retail, leisure and the port operations.
- Protects Falmouth's historic environment and local distinctiveness.
- Helps tackle the climate emergency by reducing the 'carbon footprint' from development

NOW IS THE TIME FOR FALMOUTH TO SUPPORT ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Falmouth Neighbourhood Plan is based on what the people of Falmouth said they wanted, particularly on green spaces, student accommodation, and the town centre and its heritage. We need to make sure that the Independent Examiner is aware of the community support for the Plan. So, please take the time to comment!

Copies of the documents are available to view online through Cornwall Council's website, or at planforfalmouth.info

HOW TO COMMENT

Please make any representations to the Council by 17th October 2019 as follows:

By e-mail to planning@cornwall.gov.uk citing the reference number PA19/00022/NDP.

Or in writing to:

The Head Planning & Sustainable Development (Neighbourhood Planning), Cornwall Council,
3rd Floor North, Zone B, Pydar House, Pydar Street, Truro, TR1 1XU

If you have any questions about the Falmouth Neighbourhood Development Plan please email:

admin@planforfalmouth.info