



ST CLEER PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019 – 2030

CONSULTATION REPORT

St Cleer Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan
Steering Group

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 under Section 5[2].



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1.Introduction

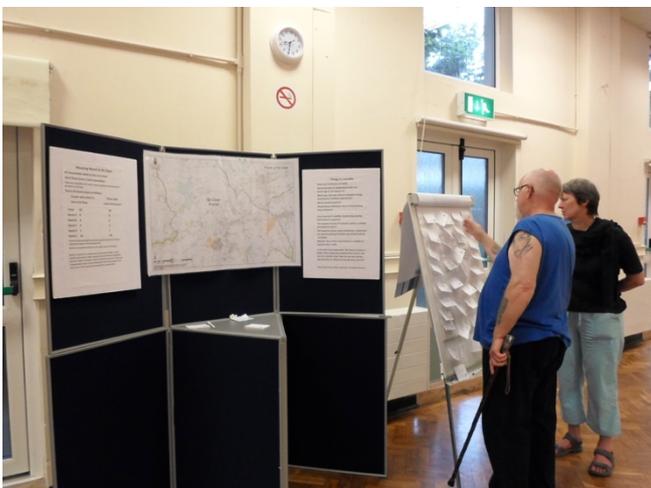
1.1 The Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 under Section 5(2). A Consultation Statement:

- (a) Contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- (b) Explains how they were consulted;
- (c) Summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- (d) Describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.2 The document records the sequence of activities undertaken to ensure that the local community, organisations, non-statutory, and statutory bodies were informed, engaged, and consulted during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Outcomes from the community engagement helped to determine the content and shaped the policies incorporated into the final plan. This consultation statement also describes how concerns have been addressed, and what changes have been made to the final Plan as a result of the pre-submission consultation.

2. Background

2.1 The St Cleer Parish NP is a response to growing developer interest around the Parish, and the desire to plan for future growth whilst protecting and enhancing that which makes it a special place. The St Cleer Parish Council gave notice of its intention to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan in May 2013. At a public meeting in July 2013 18 people put their names forward as willing to join a steering Group. 13 of these stayed the course and worked intensively to produce the first iteration of the NDP.



Photos Above: Consultation meetings in 2015

2.2 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 pertaining at that time required that provided the Neighbourhood Area meets the requirements as set out in Section 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) and parts 2 and 3 of the regulations then the Council must publicise the application for the application for a period of 6 weeks. The application for designation of the whole of the St Cleer parish area was advertised for a 6 week public consultation period between the 7th June and 19th July 2013. No objections were received in respect of the notice.

2.3 Work started July 2013, through to June 2015. Engagement activity included letters to households, ‘tea and cake’ session to recruit the steering group, newsletters, 2 questionnaires, and 3 exhibitions.

Reg14 Consultation was from 1/12/14 to 23/1/2015. The NP proposal was submitted to Cornwall Council on 15/2/15.

2.4 During NP preparation renewed developer activity, combined with increased community awareness stimulated by the NP process, raised concern. This contributed to the creation of the St Cleer Residents Association in 4/15, which aims ‘to inform and guide a mass response’ to development proposals. The StCRA membership grew to over 250 members. A well-attended Annual Parish Meeting on 5/15 reflected the concern.

2.5 Reg 16 consultation was between 8/5/15 and 19/6/15. Representations included a cogent case by StCRA supporting the NP’s principles but finding fault with its housing and sustainable development strategies.

2.6 On 9/6/15 St Cleer PC voted to recall the plan for review and amendment. Following discussions over a period of a year, a working group was established to look at ways of carrying on this work.

2.7 In early 2016 DCLG grant aid was obtained to fund a facilitated review session, which took place on 13th July 2016 with further discussion on 3rd August.

2.8 The conclusion was that all of the issues identified in the review could be overcome by revalidating the community engagement and the resultant vision for St Cleer, updating the evidence base to take into account recent changes in law and the wider planning policy framework, and rewriting the Neighbourhood Plan to reflect these factors. A great deal of the work that had already been carried out in preparing the original Plan was seen as being forward into the revised Neighbourhood Plan, and the amount of new original work could therefore be kept to a minimum. The possible key steps going forward that were agreed were:

FIGURE 1. GOING FORWARD TO THE REVISED NDP

!. Refresh the ‘team’	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive of demographics and the geographic distribution of the settlements within the Parish.
Re-engage the community (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt an engagement strategy • Announce the restart loudly! • Quick and simple surveys to revalidate the aims and reset the objectives. • Pop-up/drop-in’ exhibitions rather than public meetings • More use of press and social media, create new website and Twitter a/c
Top-up the evidence base, and make the key messages stand out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the things that are changing – CLP, NPPF, housing numbers, Housing Need survey etc
Review vision, aims, broad objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be clear on the ‘Golden Thread’ • Set the St Cleer version of sustainable development.

Re-write the Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking into account the above • Check logic, internal consistency • Improved quality graphics and mapping • Easy to read format
Sustainability Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To check the Plan is really 'sustainable' and ease Screening Opinion
Frequent Check-ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council • CC Member • CC Planning Staff
Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer opportunity to meet and explain
Amend and submit to CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate! Bring attention to what has been achieved and build anticipation for the referendum.

2.9 Over the following months a revised Steering Group was established, which included a broader representation including the StCRA, and working relationships ironed out through a 'forming–storming–norming–performing' style process. From July 2017 work on the review and amendment of the NDP began to make more rapid progress.

3. Aims of the Consultation

3.1 An early step was to adopt a Communication and Engagement Strategy, which is given as Appendix 1 hereto. The strategy sets our consultation objectives as being:

- to make sure that we communicate with and engage with the entire St Cleer Parish community so that we achieve a sound plan whose policies fully reflect the community's views and aspirations
- to make sure that the local community becomes more aware of how planning works and understands what can and cannot be done through the different parts of the planning system.
- to promote community interest and engagement through active participation in the work of producing a Neighbourhood Plan
- to encourage and include volunteers in taking part in collection and analysis of information, investigating opportunities and working up ideas into creative new policy proposals.

3.2 To meet these objectives, we said that we would:

- ensure everyone can take part by overcoming barriers that some individuals have
- try to be clear on what we are trying to achieve
- seek to make engagement easy to understand
- analyse and evaluate all responses and views fairly

- share engagement responses and views, but with due consideration for compliance with the Data Protection Act when handling personal information
- analyse our engagement process and adapt it as necessary.

4. Key Stages

4.1 The strategy has been broken down into key stages to ensure clarity and continuity of progress with the plan:

Stage 1 – Awareness raising and community engagement in the analysis of local issues, creating the vision, and scoping of the St Cleer Parish Neighbourhood Plan objectives and themes.

Stage 2 - Community engagement in the development of the policy and proposal options to be considered

Stage 3 – Formal consultation on the draft plan.

Stage 4- Promotion of the final plan and awareness raising for the local referendum.

5. Stage 1 – Awareness raising and community engagement in issues analysis, scoping and vision

5.1 A considerable level of awareness raising was conducted in the first iteration of the St Cleer Parish NDP, and a high level of local awareness was in existence the middle of 2015. See the Consultation Report prepared for that version of the NDP: <http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/573.pdf> Scoping work at this stage included a community engagement survey in December 2013, the results from which are shown from page 6 of the above document. Asked to score a series of issues giving 5 for most important and 1 for least the following results were obtained from the 285 responses:

FIGURE 2: THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES REPORTED TO THE DEC 2013 SCOPING ENGAGEMENT

<i>Issue</i>	Weighted Average
<i>Wildlife and Environment</i>	3.53
<i>Roads and Public Transport</i>	3.13
<i>Employment</i>	3.10
<i>Historic Buildings and Landscape</i>	3.0
<i>Affordable homes</i>	2.5

5.2 The weighted average in support of affordable housing was 2.51 out of 5 indicating a neutral stance at that time, and there was very strong opposition to more estate development, as represented by the Penhale Meadow site, where 78.7% were against.

5.3 For the second iteration this stage involved a ‘re-engagement’ in the process’ and some degree of cynicism about the process needed to be overcome. This was addressed through the use of the ‘Granite Post’ and ‘St Cleer Story’ which are the local ‘parish pump’ magazines that is delivered to every home. Examples of relevant articles are given as Appendix 2. A website was set up to act as an ‘explainer’ about

NDPs for local people, keep them up to date on the latest developments, and be a resource where the key NDP documents could be accessed. See: <http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/>

5.4 In February 2016 a Twitter account (@StCleeNP) was set up for the NDP in the knowledge that although the number of Twitter users may be quite low in an area such as St Cleer Parish, it may be a good route to access younger adults and people in professional occupations. It now has 29 followers and has received 44 likes, plus 4,762 ‘impressions’ (views of tweets on Twitter).

5.5 In July 2016 at the St Cleer Field Day a further scoping exercise was carried out, with 55 respondents being asked to express their ‘likes/dislikes’ related to the Parish. This produced a similar result to the earlier survey (See Figure 3).

5.6 A survey was also carried out with St Cleer Primary School, when the youngsters, no doubt with some assistance from parents and teachers, identified the issues set out in Figure 3 below.

5.7 The children also made a video: <http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/news.php>

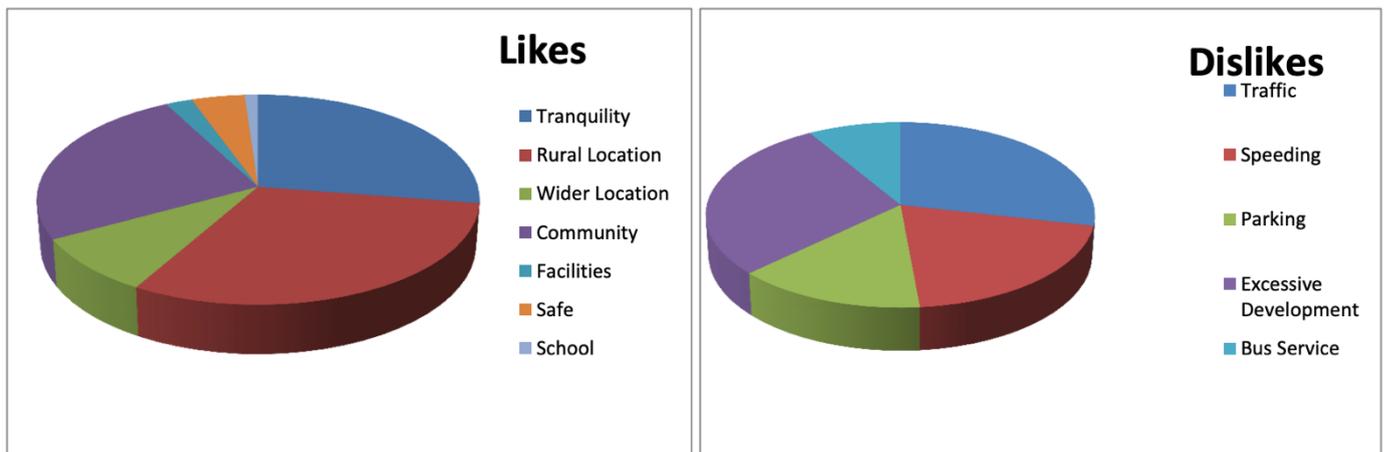


FIGURE 3: 2016 ST CLEER PARISH COMMUNITY LIKES & DISLIKES

See http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/487_284616771.pdf for details.

Concerns over roads, pavements:	12 mentions (23%)
Retain village and adjoining hamlets:	11 mentions (21%)
Size of Primary School:	9 mentions (18%)
Medical Centre:	5 mentions (10%)
Shops & PO:	5 mentions (10%)
Infrastructure not able to cope:	4 mentions (8%).

FIGURE 4: CONCERNS OF ST CLEER PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

5.8 In September/October 2017, when work on the revised NDP began in earnest, a further scoping survey was carried out. Alongside of that a Facebook page was created (<https://www.facebook.com/St-Cleer-NDP-321103738299255/>), which is now followed by 34 people and has received 44 shares. The Cornish Times, the main local newspaper covered the survey on two occasions:

- 1st being 26th September 2017: <https://www.cornish->

times.co.uk/article.cfm?id=112158&headline=Views%20sought%20on%20area%27s%20plans§ionIs=news&searchyear=2017

- 19th October 2017: <https://www.cornish-times.co.uk/article.cfm?id=112344&headline=Survey%20about%20parish%27s%20future§ionIs=news&searchyear=2017>

5.9 The Survey form (http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/579_946612915.pdf), which included a pre-paid Royal Mail licensed envelope, was delivered to every household in the Parish by “Every Corner Distribution’ (ECD), a Plymouth based company with an excellent reputation for door to door distribution, that demonstrates its effectiveness through GPS tracking of their delivery walks:

<http://www.everycornerdistribution.co.uk> Forms were delivered by ECD to 1180 homes. The remaining 300 more remote properties were covered by direct mailing if an address could be identified. The consultation period was extended until the end of the October half term to encourage more younger people to respond, and this had slightly improved the balance in age range of responders. Drop in sessions where residents and others could find out more and discuss issues with members of the Steering Group were held at Sr Cleer Memorial Hall on 16th September, Commonmoor Village Hall on 28th September, and Darite Village Hall on 12th October. About 70 people attended in all. A copy of the drop in display text is available here: http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/580_965544666.pdf

5.10 A total of 432 responses were received, representing just under 30% of households.

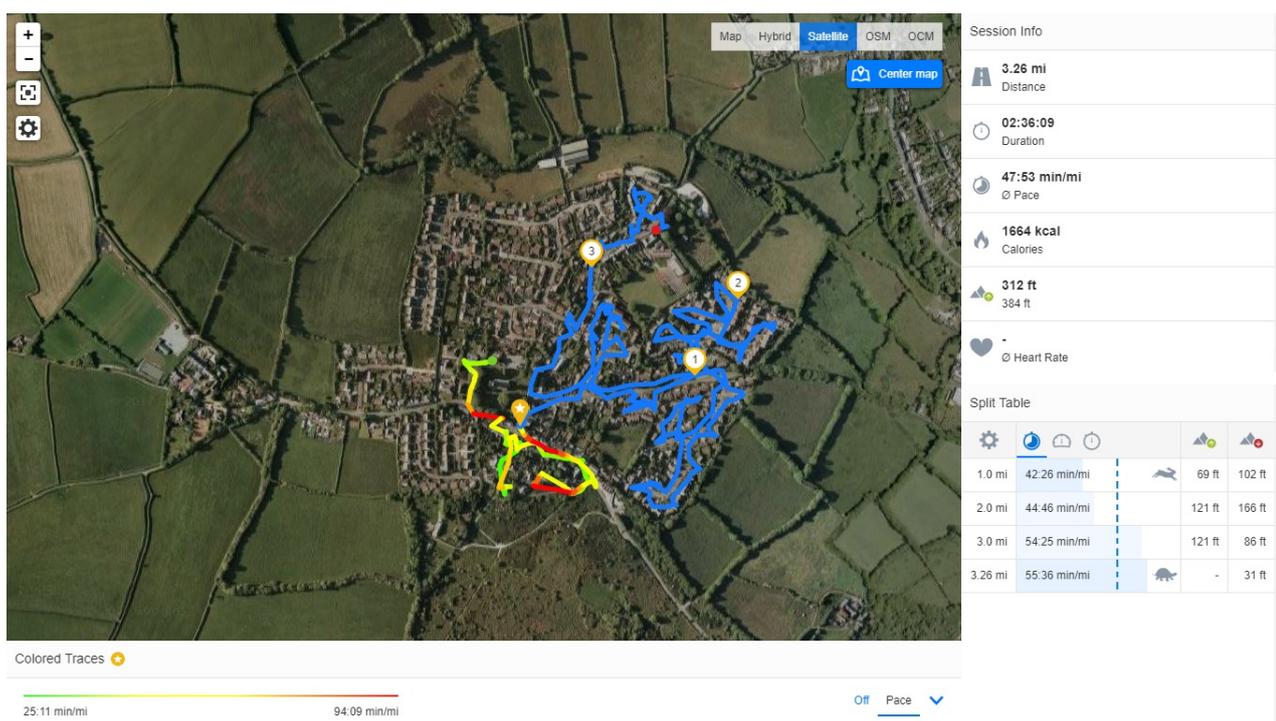
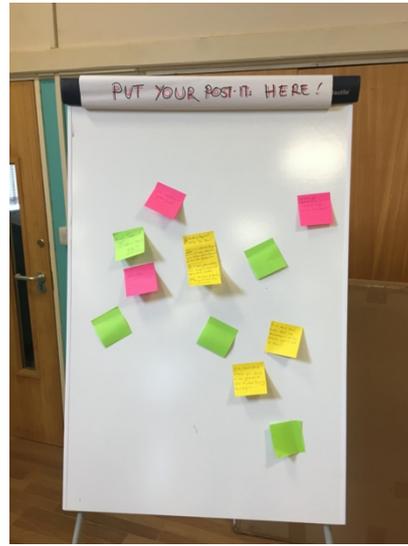


Photo above: Example of Every Corner Distribution Delivery Walk GPS Map.



Photos above: St Cleer Memorial Hall Drop In Session 2017

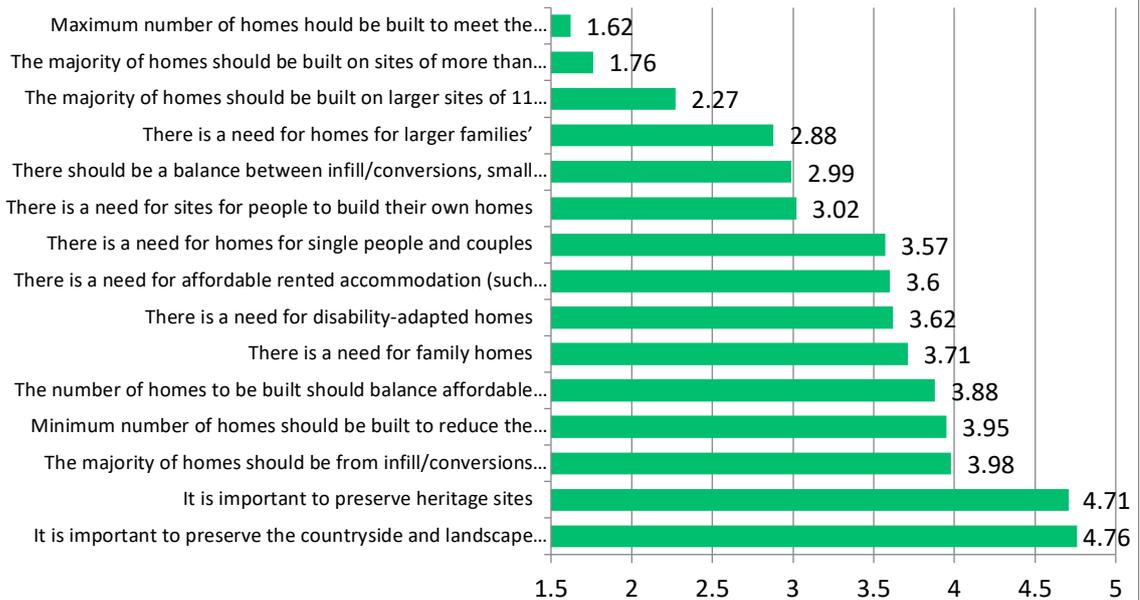
5.11 The response gave similar themes to the previous assessments:

FIGURE 5: MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS TO THE COMMUNITY AND LIFESTYLE 2017 SURVEY

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Weighted Average</i>
<i>The peace and tranquillity of the area</i>	4.59
<i>The countryside and landscape</i>	4.74
<i>Heritage features</i>	4.44
<i>Local community facilities and activities</i>	4.19
<i>The dark night sky</i>	4.05

5.12 Respondents of this survey were also asked about their attitudes to the delivery of housing need dwellings, which showed strong opposition to more estate development, but an acceptance that some development was needed, see Figure 6.

Figure 6: In planning to deliver housing need dwellings, what is the most important?



5.13 The Steering Group have taken these survey findings as a very clear confirmation that the approach the NDP should adopt is one framed around planning for slow and limited growth of the Parish's villages over the next decade which would help to retain a vibrant and mixed community at the same time as protecting and enhancing those features which make the Parish of St Cleer a special place.

5.14 The 2017 survey covered other topics:

On economic development, 65.9% said that new businesses should be encouraged. New agricultural businesses, small scale industry and workshops, business and professional services and tourism were well all positively supported.

On infrastructure and community facilities residents clearly value the community facilities available in St Cleer Parish, with a weighted average of score of 4.19 seeing them as most important, and a weighted average score of 3.95 in favour of minimising the number of new homes to protect community facilities (in amongst other factors). In response to a question about leisure facilities, the strongest expression was in favour of distributing additional facilities around the villages.

On green infrastructure and biodiversity, the weighted average on the importance given to the countryside and landscape by the community was 4.74 out of 5, showing a strong preference.

On landscape, heritage and design, the preferences recorded above at paras 5.7 and 5.11 were very clear.

On accessibility and transport parking (4.3), pedestrian safety (4.2) and road congestion (4.1) were seen as the biggest issues needing attention through planning powers.

On renewable energy, the results suggest that the community are, by a marginal amount, not in agreement that the St Cleer NDP should identify one of more areas for wind turbines, with 45.7% against, 34.7% in favour, and 19.5% being neutral. However renewable energy schemes in community ownership received support, with 68% in favour.

6. Stage 2 - Community engagement in the development of the policy and proposal options to be considered

6.1 The information from the 2nd scoping survey, along with the data from the earlier scoping activity in the previous iteration of the NDP, was considered over late winter 2017 and the beginning of 2018 alongside other evidence and used to prepare a summary framework of the key issues that the NDP should address in the consultation draft St Cleer Parish NDP. The Steering Group then agreed a programme to meeting to identify and prioritise sites, meet to discuss the survey results in detail, and other information from the evidence base, to decide on a firm recommendation on the community facilities, economy, green infrastructure, accessibility and transport, environment, and renewable energy themes, then rewrite NDP for submission to St Cleer PC, prior to carrying out a further round of consultation on the revised draft NDP in accordance with regulations (see Minutes of January 2018 meeting: http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/523_426489974.pdf).

See http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/577_1280525829.pdf for the full evidence assessment, and Figure 4 of the NDP document for the summary table.

6.2 Work continued throughout 2018 completing it late in March 2019.

7. Stage 3 – Formal consultation on the draft plan.

7.1 The Steering Group then designed an engagement strategy specifically for the Regulation 14 consultation as it was concerned that public awareness of the NDP had dropped away. The aim was to revive and build up community interest in the NDP during the preparation of and lead up to the publication of the Regulation 14 pre-submission Consultation Draft and to plan to ensure the consultation period was effective. This is given at Appendix 3.

7.2 The draft St Cleer NDP was published, and the formal Regulation 14 consultation period commenced on 31st March 2019 for a 7 week period ending 19th May 2019.

7.3 Prior to and during the consultation period press publicity website publicity, Facebook and Twitter posts were issued. A formal notice was placed in the Cornish Times to be published on three consecutive Fridays.

7.4 An easy-to-read summary booklet was prepared (<http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/552.pdf>) and as with the proceeding scoping questionnaire form, distributed to every household, this time along with a questionnaire. Copies of the full NDP text, summary leaflets and response forms were placed, along with boxes for the forms to be ‘posted’ back were set up at Horizon Farm Shop and St Cleer Church.

7.5 The full NDP document, the summary leaflet and the response form were all placed on the front page of the website, the address of which featured in Facebook and twitter posts. A direct link to SurveyMonkey to complete the form on-line was also available.

7.6 Three drop-in exhibitions were held where all interested parties could come to view maps and information boards, peruse the plan, pick up a summary plan leaflet, and talk with members of the Steering Group. These occurred on 16th April 2019 at Commonmoor Village Hall, St Cleer Memorial Hall on the 20th April, and Darite Village Hall on 23rd April. Times of the events were staggered so that people at work, etc could get to one of the sessions. Around 75 people attended these sessions in total. A copy of the drop in display text is available here:

http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/581_170661184.pdf

7.7 At the same time, letters were sent by post and/or email to Statutory Authorities and local community organisations, stakeholders & minority groups to inform them of and to invite comment on the Plan: http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/582_51247373.pdf

7.8 By the end of the consultation period, comments had been received from 5 statutory and non-statutory bodies, 5 Cornwall Council officers, 1 developer, and 57 members of the local community (excluding 9 who started forms but did not complete them).

8. Stage 4 - Promotion of the final plan and awareness raising for the local referendum.

8.1 This stage will come when the NDP moves forward for R16 Consultations and prior to the referendum.

9. The Response Report

9.1 The 26 page Consultation Response Report Document:

http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/588_1450620926.pdf analyses the comments made in response to the formal community and statutory organisation consultations carried out on the St Cleer Parish NDP under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations from March to May 2019. It also records the Steering Group and Parish Council's considered responses to those comments and sets out the modifications to the St Cleer Parish NDP that are proposed to be made in preparing the submission version of the Plan. These are set out in Tables 1 & 2 which summarise and respond to the various comments made in the order of their appearance in the Plan.

9.2 Appendices A to E at http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/data/uploads/583_1455737238.pdf record the comments made verbatim, identify the parts of the Plan which are referred to, and allocate a Unique Reference Number (URN) so that the response to each comment may be found. The identity of responders associated with these URN is confidential¹.

Summary of Representations

Overall

9.3 Response to the draft St Cleer Parish NDP was generally fairly muted in comparison to earlier engagement, partly reflecting the 'front-loading' of engagement and consultation carried out as the NDP emerged, and an absence of seriously controversial proposals as current planning applications at the time of the consultation.

Statutory Organisations.

9.4 Comment from statutory organisations was also limited, restricted to Historic England, National Grid, SWW and D&C police. Very few such organisations have interests located in the designated area which the NDP might impact upon. Historic England was pleased to note the extent to which the St Cleer community values its distinctive local historic environment and reflects this in the suite of policies for its protection and enhancement. However, it was concerned that NDP's development proposals did not appear to demonstrate that they have taken account of the need to protect and enhance the historic environment in accordance with the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This comment does not pick up the Sustainability Appraisal carried out for the NDP, which covers heritage matters. However, it is understood that this aspect is covered through the SEA Screening Opinion consultations with that organisation. NG recoded an absence of their plant in the NDP area, whilst SWW noted that the potential

¹ Please note that the identity of all those who commented, apart from those from organisations and developers/landowner, is considered to be confidential and will not be generally released by the Steering Group. If you wish to identify the Steering Group's response to your own comment, please contact the Parish Council.

housing growth planned for was not considered to be a problem in terms of its ability to support. D&C Police advised that a reference to 'designing out crime' be included in the NDP.

Local Organisations

9.5 The only local organisation to respond was the Bodmin Moor Commoners Council, which supported the Local Green Spaces designation on moorland and suggested a reference be made to the infrastructure needed to bring about increased moorland grazing.

Community Responses

9.6 Overall a lower level of response was received than anticipated based on the community engagement surveys carried out in the period when the St Cleer NDP was being drafted and the fact that a summary leaflet was delivered to every household, explaining the NDP provisions and inviting comment. Judging by comments made by those attending the 3 drop-in sessions held during the consultation period, this may be due to the 'front-loading' of the engagement process earlier in the NDP's gestation, and a general level of satisfaction with the provisions of the NDP, which do not include large housing allocations adjoining villages.

9.7 The comments that were received, totalling 66 separate forms (of which 9 contained a name but were otherwise blank), were mainly concerned with local highway safety matters, the inadequacy of physical and community infrastructure to support residential development, and the proposals for land r/o the Stag, St Cleer, and at Horizon Farm.

Developer Responses

9.8 One developer responded, Wain Homes, opposing the NDP proposal for Horizon Farm, and suggesting an alternative site adjoining St Cleer village.

Cornwall Council Officers Response

9.9 Useful comments were received from Cornwall Council, which will help better shape the policies in the plan. However, it is also clear from these that some issues of very local concern are not fully appreciated by planning officers, illustrating the value of NDPs in getting these brought into consideration when planning matters are determined.

Response of the St Cleer NDP Steering group

9.10 Considerable effort has been put in to working up a response to the representations to ensure that each is given proper consideration whilst maintaining the balance of the NDP strategy. The revised document retains the strategy set out in the draft, as this has been carefully developed over the long process of developing the NDP and seeks a balance of interests, whilst using the opportunity of achieving a sustainable development at Horizon Farm (Policy 22) as means of addressing a range of troublesome issues. However, it now more strongly emphasises the elements needed to ensure that the Horizon Farm site is properly sustainable and provides for off-site improvements that will enhance connectivity and reduce the need to travel by car. It also calls for a development that responds more effectively to the heritage, habitat and design factors and will become an asset to the Parish.

9.11 In view of comments received and additional permissions for housing development that have been granted in the last year the opportunity is taken to remove the Hendra Close allocation (Policy

17 site 2) and reducing the density of land r/o the Stag (Policy 17 site 1).

9.12 Other changes include:

- Including additional evidence references where necessary to substantiate the justification of policies such as that for Rural Gaps (Policy 2)
- Tightening up policy wording to enhance clarity and ease of use, such as Design in New Development (Policy 8), and Green Tourism Development (Policy 19)
- Adjusting policy wording to align with NPPF and CLP positions, such as with Trees, Cornish Hedges and Hedgerows (Policy 14).
- Making it clear that wind turbine development is not supported in the AONB or WHS, and must be small scale elsewhere in the Parish, whilst improving the accuracy on policy relating to PV arrays (Policy 23).

ENDS

Appendix 1

St Cleer Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Communications and Engagement Plan

Version 1

1. INTRODUCTION

Involving the community is central to Neighbourhood planning. This strategy has been prepared to help guide the process of engaging with the community and stakeholders to ensure that St Cleer Parish has a robust and well-informed Neighbourhood Plan that has community ownership at its heart.

2. WHY WE NEED AN ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY?

We need an Engagement Strategy because

- it explains the steps we intend to take from the start to the end of the process
- it describes the processes and methods that we will employ in community engagement
- it specifies how we will inform, communicate with and involve the community throughout the project.

3. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY

Our objectives are

- to make sure that we communicate with and engage with the entire St Cleer Parish community so that we achieve a sound plan whose policies fully reflect the community's views and aspirations
- to make sure that the local community becomes more aware of how planning works and understands what can and cannot be done through the different parts of the planning system.
- to promote community interest and engagement through active participation in the work of producing a Neighbourhood Plan
- to encourage and include volunteers in taking part in collection and analysis of information, investigating opportunities and working up ideas into creative new policy proposals.

4. BEING INCLUSIVE

It is imperative that engagement with the community is not a one-off event and it is vital that people continue to be involved in the whole process. To do this we will embrace five key principles of community engagement:

1. **INFORM:** provide balanced and objective information
2. **CONSULT:** actively seek community views, input and feedback
3. **INVOLVE:** work with the community so concerns and aspirations are understood
4. **COLLABORATE:** work with the community to identify solutions
5. **EMPOWER:** present the draft plan to the community for their approval

To help us fulfil this purpose we will:

- ensure everyone can take part by overcoming barriers that some individuals have
- try to be clear on what we are trying to achieve
- seek to make engagement easy to understand
- analyse and evaluate all responses and views fairly

- share engagement responses and views, but with due consideration for compliance with the Data Protection Act when handling personal information
- analyse our engagement process and adapt it as necessary.

5. WHEN WE WILL ENGAGE AND CONSULT?

We will aim to set up public events at appropriate times of the year. We will attend meetings of target groups at times convenient to them. We will use various methods of engaging the public in places at a variety of times to achieve as wide a coverage of the general population as possible.

We will engage and consult at the following stages:

Stage 1 - Awareness raising and community engagement in the analysis of local issues, creating the vision, and scoping of the St Cleer Parish Neighbourhood Plan objectives and themes.

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For many this will involve a ‘re-engagement’ in the process’ after the failure of the first version of the NDP, so some degree of cynicism about the process must be overcome.

6. WHO WE WILL CONSULT

- Schoolchildren (aged 7-16)
- Young people (aged 16 – 25)
- Older groups
- Commuters (people living in the community but working outside)
- Residents Associations
- LGBTQ+ people and groups
- Community groups and societies
- Single parent families
- People with physical needs
- People with learning needs
- Faith groups
- People employed in the community
- Local businesses
- Black and minority ethnic groups
- Families
- Migrant workers
- Voluntary bodies acting in the area
- Visitors/tourists

Other bodies

- Cornwall Council
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- Devon & Cornwall Police
- Adjoining parishes
- Highways Agency
- Network Rail

- Tamar Valley AONB Service
- World Heritage Partnership

7. HOW WE WILL ENGAGE & CONSULT

- Self-completion questionnaires
- Drop-in Sessions
- Parish Councillors contact
- Social Media – Facebook/Twitter
- Website

8. METHODOLOGY

Several methods of engagement will be used to get the whole community involved. We will ask ourselves the following questions before embarking on a chosen method:

- What are we trying to find out?
- From whom is the information required?
- How would they prefer to respond?
- What information do they need before they can respond?
- Is something more than a simple exchange of information required?
- How will this information be recorded?
- What resources are needed and what resources do we have?
- How much time is needed and how much time do we have?

9. WHERE WE WILL CONSULT?

We will use different venues to help reach the whole community, for example:

- Community centres
- Schools
- Pubs
- Churches
- On the street
- Community/festival events
- Clubs/society meeting rooms

10. DATA PROTECTION

When we deal with feedback we will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. Details will be held by St Cleer Council and will remain secure and confidential. Details will only be used for research purposes and will not be passed on to any third parties or used for marketing purposes in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. In all our dealings with the public, we are committed to following the Human Rights Act 1998.

11. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

When we deal with feedback we will comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We will publish a summary of the information gathered and detail how the results are being used to help shape St Cleer Parish's Neighbourhood Plan.

12. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We will comply with Equal Opportunity legislation. We recognise that the provision of equal opportunities in all our activities will benefit St Cleer Parish. All members of the public will be treated fairly and will not be discriminated against.

13. HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1974

We will ensure any Neighbourhood Planning events and activities take into consideration the health and safety of everyone involved. Risk assessment will be carried out as and when required.

14. SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and will ensure that appropriate safeguarding measures are built into the design of events involving children, young people and vulnerable adults. Where necessary, DBS checks will be carried out on anyone working directly with this section of our community.

Appendix 2 : Extracts from ‘The Granite Post’ Local Magazine and Facebook.

Shape the future of St Cleer and local villages

The Plan

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN team (going under the catchy title of St Cleer parish steering group!) are at the initial stages of developing a revamped and inclusive neighbourhood plan for our parish. Developing a neighbourhood plan is the key because it is an important mechanism by



This thumbnail shows the planning area covered. It is nearly 12 miles by 6 miles, a huge amount of land.

which local people can have a say over local issues related to planning. These may include schooling, services for children, youth and older people, preservation of our natural environment and numerous other aspects of everyday life.

The Team

THE CURRENT TEAM is made up of a mix of local parishioners and parish councillors. However, we can't work in isolation and we need your input, advice and information on the issues that are important to you, to ensure that the plan, when developed, meets the needs of the whole parish. There are many ways that you can become involved. You could apply to join the steering group - we currently have six members but could have up to twelve.



Our community has many young, growing families. Let's see you represented.

THIS IS A reasonable commitment in terms of time, but if you have the skills or contacts that we currently lack, then you could be invaluable to us.

Working parties

YOU COULD CHOOSE to volunteer for a working party and investigate individual issues raised by the community. You have the opportunity to explore these issues in much more detail.

Young people needed

IT WOULD BE great if young people joined the team and came up with ideas that would be encouraged and included in the plan - this would be the work of a designated group. Don't think that we are going through the motions, future growth in St Cleer will be from younger people.

Issues and Communication

YOU MAY HAVE a pressing issue that you want us to consider - in this case please let us know. At the least, we would really appreciate it if you could come along to the public meetings that we will be holding. If a survey drops on your doormat please treat it as important and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

What to do next - please!

WE NEED THIS plan to represent everyone. Therefore, if you are 6 you can help us. If you're 106 you can help us. If you're a local business owner, are looking for a job, have lived here all your life, or have barely unpacked the moving boxes, you can help us. To register any interest at all, or to bring your ideas to our attention then please contact Rebecca Dickson (chairman) whose contact details are opposite.

St Cleer Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN that has been worked on for three years is not yet ready to be submitted. Both the Parish Council and a planning support consultant view it as unlikely to be approved by Cornwall Council in its current form. There should have been more work at the beginning to check what people living in St Cleer parish themselves really wanted as developments to be set out in the plan. There will be a great effort made through the rest of this year to gather views and all parishioners are welcome to contribute.

A STEERING GROUP looking to revise this plan met on 3rd August at the Sports Pavilion. The meeting was attended by four Parish Councillors, a planning support consultant and two members of the public. I attended both as a resident and to represent the Granite Post. The involvement of more members of the public would help to ensure a broader representation of what people think about the plan – the Parish Council needs that involvement to make progress.

THE MEETING'S FOCUS was on how to get parish wide views of residents, businesses, landowners etc., about what should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Some initial basic question forms were used during the recent Field Day but there is a need to evidence as many views as possible in a relatively short time.

THE TARGET IS to complete consultations, rewrite the Neighbourhood Plan and submit it to Cornwall Council in spring 2017. Existing local organisations will be asked to gather views recognising the need to sample a wide diversity of age, identity and interest groups. Other places in Cornwall have engaged with this process and have had their plans accepted. Ideally, it should offer a balanced approach to community involvement in planning, understanding of needs and neighbourhood facilities to be developed. Hitting this target may depend upon how we in the parish see the significance of what Neighbourhood Development Plans hold for the future.

DETAILS OF THE progress of work on this Development Plan are available to the public, including the minutes of meetings and a copy of the consultant's presentation. These are available on <http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk/> which links to Neighbourhood Plan parts on the Cornwall Council website. The Granite post will publish regular updates on the progress of future meetings and consultations.

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ST CLEER BROWNIES DAY OUT

OUR BROWNIES HAD a day out recently at Trethorne Leisure Park nr Kennards House, and not surprisingly the girls found lots to do. Everyone enjoyed a pony ride and some brave



girls went down the 'death slide'. Some of us tried out the football zorbing, too. The day went too quickly until it was time to get the coach home again. Thanks to Natalie for organising everything!

BROWNIES MEET ON Monday evenings at the Memorial Hall, and we currently have some spaces because our oldest girls are moving on. Our next meeting will be on September 12th.

IF YOU WOULD like to be a Brownie please speak to Sue Weeks (tel. 01579 348913)

OR E-MAIL WENDY McTiernan at wendymac49@hotmail.co.uk

Above: Granite Post for Autumn 2016

St Cleer Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

THE STEERING GROUP for the St Cleer Plan met again on Nov 2nd and Dec 7th. The November meeting included discussion of a concern raised by a member of the public concerning possible conflict of interest within the steering group due to interaction with the planning department. This led to terms of reference being sent to all group members, some of whom had not seen these. This issue was discussed again in December and it was agreed that declarations of interest will be an item on every agenda from January onwards. Both meetings looked at the issue of chasing funding for a consultant to work with the group and it was hoped that this might be in place for the New Year.

THE INITIAL QUESTIONS asked by the NDP steering group survey will now be analysed and some further more specific questions will be created based on the feedback received. Unfortunately the results have not yet been finalised.

THE GROUP WANTED to give many thanks to all those members of the public who have responded to these initial questions and helped to give community views on issues the plan needs to consider. The steering group will publish information arising as soon as possible. I believe another meeting took place in early January and a new chairperson is in place for future meetings.

DETAILS OF THE progress of work on the St Cleer Development Plan are available to the public, including the minutes of all meetings. These are available at:

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which links to Neighbourhood Plan parts on the Cornwall Council website where plans for other areas may be found. The Granite post will publish regular updates on the progress of future meetings and consultations as information becomes available.

PETER JONES

Gardening Club

THE CLUB MEETS on the 2nd Monday of the month, 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, St.Cleer unless otherwise specified in the programme. At the AGM all the committee members were re-elected. Mrs G. Fothergill has also joined the committee. After the AGM many members made their own Christmas table decorations. The tables looked very festive with many elegant and original floral Christmas designs. The winner was Daphne Cook. The evening finished with mince pies and a raffle.

DATES FOR YOUR Diary:

FEBRUARY NO MEETING

MARCH 13TH GROWING veg the old fashioned way. Nick Bacon.

HERB OF THE MONTH.

EYEBRIGHT EUPHRASIA OFFICINALIS.

THIS IS AN annual herb with a short branched leafy stem. The solitary flowers which are white or tinted yellowish or violet are very attractive to bees, which are lured to the flower's bright orange



spot. This herb is very common in damp meadows, pastures, heathlands and woods throughout the British Isles. It is a semi-parasitic plant, thriving only where its roots can attach themselves to other plants. It has been used in the treatment of eye diseases.

THE GENERIC NAME Euphrasia, is derived from the Greek word euphraino = to gladden, perhaps a reference to the plants reputed ability to preserve eyesight! Parts of the plant contain many complex chemicals that give eye-bright anti-inflammatory properties in the treatment of conjunctivitis and tiredness of the eyes. In the past the plant was used for headaches, hysteria and insomnia. Eye-bright may also be used to treat stubborn wounds. Medical advice should be taken before using this herb!

FOR MORE INFORMATION phone:

IAN FOTHERGILL (CHAIR) 01579 349866 or
SHIRLEY WAYE (SECRETARY) 01579 346089.

Derris Watson



St Cleer Neighbourhood Development Plan

Is out for consultation until 19th May. Each house has received a copy of the explanatory leaflet and a hard copy comments form. There is also the opportunity to respond online.

Please make sure that you have given your comments in good time for them to be included in any of the tweaks which might prove necessary.

The plan as a whole can be viewed at <http://www.stcleerplan.org.uk> where you can also find the link to the survey response form.

Please take the time to give your views as this is an important issue for the future of the parish.

Information learned at the St Cleer and District Commoners meeting

The Commons and Rights of Way Act states that dogs must be kept on a lead between 1st March and 31st July on Common land. (Which incidentally is privately owned but grazed by those with common rights to do so)

Dogs which worry sheep can be destroyed – worrying does not just mean biting it means causing them to run away. Any loose dog will make them run as they have no other defense, so just by running around your dog could be a sheep worrier under the law and vulnerable to action.

Dogs should also be kept on leads in the vicinity of stock during the rest of the year. It is essential to clean up after your dog as otherwise the cattle and sheep can be infected with diseases.

Any Event which is planned to take place on the Moor, whether an organized walk, orienteering, running a course, whatever, needs permission in advance from both the landowner and the Commoners Association for that piece of land.

If permission is not obtained your insurance becomes invalid and the organisers could be personally liable. The prior notification can also give owners the chance to move stock to protect them if permission is sought and given.

St Cleer Story Community Magazine May 2019



Derris Watson

6 April · 🌐



In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Part 5, 14(b), this is from St Cleer Parish Council, (the Qualifying Body for the St Cleer Neighbourhood Development Plan) is to:

(a) inform you that a pre-submission draft of the NDP has been published for consultation purposes, and

(b) invite you, as you may have interests that are affected by the NDP, to comment on the draft proposals.

The public consultation on the Draft St Cleer Neighbourhood Developm...

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