

Lostwithiel Neighbourhood Plan First Consultation: Environment Responses

Total responses up to 15/10/2016 **43**

What do you **value** about the Lostwithiel environment?

Atmosphere/community/sense of community

dentist
Doctor
friendly community
it is not too overcrowded or developed yet
nice place to live
peace and calm 4 comments
quiet friendly town
Sense of community
shops
the character and the scale of a small town 2 comments

Footpaths/bridleways/cycleways

access to countryside 4 comments
access to open spaces and the River Fowey 3 comments
foot paths and bridleways and walks 4 comments

Landscape/landscape features

hills
River Fowey 14 comments
scenery
Still more or less contained within the valley
the countryside surrounding Lostwithiel 2 comments
the green corridor of the Fowey valley floor
the setting of the town in the landscape 2 comments
the setting of the town is important
trees and woods 6 comments

Parks/open spaces/wild areas/wildlife

amount of wildlife
diversity of plants
greenery
open spaces 5 comments
Parks 5 comments
sculpture Park
Shirehall Moor 2 comments
wildlife

Building(s)

building quality
historic buildings 2 comments
historic places are kept and not built on
mediaeval bridge 2 comments
new developments generally integrate well
Restormel Castle
skate park
stonewalls

Other

beach
clean
livestock in fields
railway station
traffic free space

What **positive changes** do you think could be made to improve the landscape and environment of your area?

Building(s)

County should maintain historic buildings
demolish the old milk factory
good maintenance of properties fronting streets particularly along the A390
historic buildings should be maintained by Cornwall Council
new development should be in keeping with heritage and carefully screened with trees
Limit new builds in gardens

Trees/hedges/verges/parkland/wild areas

Better and more sensitive management of the local verges hedges walls and trees 3 comments
develop green corridors
grass verge, Tanhouse Road should be Tarmaced as the area becomes slippery when wet
hedgerows need maintaining 3 comments
Madderly Moor access needed 2 comments; for maintenance and not for public 1 comment
park maintenance needs improving
Remove Himalayan Balsam
Shirehall Moor needs designating as local nature reserve
station area needs tidying; better use of area by railway and industrial estate
trees plant more in Second Island Park 2 comments
Trees remove conifers from riverbank in King George V
trees; need fewer of them
trees; Plant fruit trees
weeding road edges 3 comments

Litter

dog mess; ensure dog walkers clear up dog mess 4 comments
litter reduction 2 comments
Legally enforceable dog control orders in public places

Paths/bridleways/cycleways

cycleways improving
footpath maintenance 3 comments particularly from second island to Coulson Park
marked foot paths from town centre

Other

Beach; extend to North of mediaeval bridge on the same bank
historic signposts
maintain historic fabric and landscape features
no more housing development
open spaces must be retained
overhead cables need removing
parking improving 3 comments
pavement on Bodmin Hill; replace dangerous cobbles
preserve as much as possible

Public transport needs improving 2 comments
traffic calming needed

What changes have happened to the local landscape which **you did not like**?

Trees/hedges/verges

clearfelling is quite dramatic but it does come back
fallen trees alongside the River in second island Park and on the opposite bank
hedge cutting poorly executed
hedgerows and paths not maintained 4 comments. Particularly Skiddery Hill
tree felling excessive

Building(s)

building development imposed 8 comments; does not integrate with its natural setting
derelict land east of the station
Gilbury Hill development
Golf Club development 2 comments
Loss of heritage design of the railway station and footbridge

Other

all good
unwanted litter bin at the end of my road
Solar panels on farm fields
build-up of River sediment

Looking to the future, what changes do you envisage would have the **greatest negative** effect on the landscape of your area?

Building(s)

Houses;poorly sited, unsympathetic in style unaffordable for the locals
New builds in gardens
new builds near river
demolishing the community centre and building a new one
housing proliferation 25 comments; Bodmin Hill mentioned. Badly designed housing 4
infill building on green space. Development on the old golf club 4 comments and Lanwithan
parking spaces being lost
Tower blocks/high-rise buildings 3 comments

Other

Any wind turbines 2 comments
farmland loss
green space reduction 2 comments
large wind farms
litter
small-scale solar farms are acceptable but not too many
Station closure
too much street furniture

Which of the following do you consider important to conserve/improve in Lostwithiel?

Please suggest the importance to you of each by scoring 0-5; 5 being very important and 0 being unimportant.

Landscape Feature.	5	4	3	2	1	0
Woodland	33	2	2	1		
Footpaths	29	9	1			
Cycleways	12	12	11	2	2	
Bridleways	10	11	9	7	2	
Parks	33	8	2		1	
Gardens attached to properties	15	11	7	2		2
River Fowey	40	3	0			1
Graveyards/cemeteries	11	11	12	2	1	2
Allotments	16	9	9	3	2	
Community orchards	13	6	12	3	1	
School Fields	23	7	4	2		
Sport/recreation/playing fields	30	7	5			
Other	1	1				1

Urban trees, shrubs and grass

Are there any areas where you would like public access designated or improved?
(See exhibit map for current designated rights of way).

access along both sides of the river 2 comments

access to the Duchy woodland along Restormel road

better footpath maintenance 2 comments

Footpath from Lostwithiel to Golant

need access to Madderly Moor 2 comments (to North edge only 1 comment)

Better rights of way signage

Lostwithiel has a number of designated open spaces. (See exhibit) Please say what changes, if any, you would like to see to each of the following open spaces.

Area of open space.	Comments.
King George V Field.	Allow parking for designated events 2 comments Changing block with showers Continue to further develop sports facilities 2 comments Convert part to a car park Ensure it is well maintained with adequate public, including disabled, access Greater variety of community use Less litter More bins More public recreation facilities. Open-air adult gym. No change 2 comments Path all round Wet weather path to skate park youth shelter Less space for sports pitches All-weather pitch Cut grass more frequently
Second Island Park*	Better maintenance; more grass cutting 2 comments. Bit of a mess

	<p>Designate as LNR 2 comments</p> <p>Ensure it is well maintained with adequate public, including disabled, access</p> <p>Establish community garden</p> <p>Extend pond</p> <p>fitness trail</p> <p>Greater biodiversity</p> <p>More dog waste bins 2 comments</p> <p>More info on walks around this area</p> <p>More trees 3 comments; plant native trees 1 comment</p> <p>No change</p> <p>Overflow parking for big events</p> <p>Plant wildflowers 3 comments</p> <p>Radical overhaul needed 2 comments.</p> <p>Return to Duchy</p> <p>Sad looking</p>
Shirehall Moor**	<p>Create trail</p> <p>Designate as LNR 9 comments</p> <p>Develop further as a NR</p> <p>Ensure it is well maintained with adequate public, including disabled, access</p> <p>Footbridge to allow access to Milltown</p> <p>Implement Forum Plan 2 comments</p> <p>Improve surface</p> <p>No change</p> <p>Safeguard path by sewage works; resurface/repair footpath</p>
Madderly Moor**	<p>Create trail</p> <p>Designate as LNR 7 comments</p> <p>Ensure it is well maintained with adequate public, including disabled, access</p> <p>Footbridge to Madderly Moor</p> <p>Implement Forum Plan 2 comments</p> <p>No change</p> <p>Protect as special ecological area. no public access</p> <p>Public access needed 7 comments</p> <p>Should be protected</p>
Poldew Wood.	<p>Designate as LNR if any important species present</p> <p>Ensure it is well maintained with adequate public, including disabled, access</p> <p>Information notices about plant & animal life</p> <p>Low-level maintenance/retain wild character 2 comments</p> <p>No change</p> <p>Re-open footpath access to Poldew Farm 3 comments</p> <p>.</p>
Coulson Park	<p>Allow parking for designated events 2 comments</p> <p>Allow parking for LostFest</p> <p>Car parking area by entrance 2 comments</p> <p>Ensure it is well maintained with adequate public, including disabled, access</p> <p>Granite stones crude; formalise or remove.</p> <p>Improve maintenance and grass cutting.</p> <p>Leave unspoilt</p> <p>Less litter</p> <p>More dog bins</p>

	More seating by river No change 3 comments
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Are there any other open spaces that should be conserved/improved? Please give reasons for each.

allotments 2 comments. Allotments needed which are more easily accessible from town
Community orchards
fields behind Terras Hill
Retain Terras Hill Woods; enhance public access
improve the use and appearance of the Riverside by the lime kilns
open spaces should be better maintained
parade; conserve the remove some of the trees and plant new ones for the future, prune trees
the edge to the grassed area by the station needs to be properly formed; include a seat and small fruit trees
use the area around the railway for parking
better use of Parade area behind Drill Hall.

Which of the following aspects of the Lostwithiel Parish landscape setting do you consider important?

Please indicate the importance to you of each by scoring 0-5; 5 being very important and 0 being unimportant.

Landscape Feature.	5	4	3	2	1	0
The farming landscape character	19	10	7	2	1	
Trees and woodland	33	5	2			
Small and medium field patterns	21	11	5	2	1	
Cornish hedges and hedgerows	26	8	5		1	
Ridges and skylines	23	5	8			2
Dark skies	21	12	4	2		1
Historic and cultural features	30	10			1	
Other*	6					

* If 'Other' is rated, please give more detail

Pollard some trees in Parade
River Fowey and its banks/landscape corridor

Should new developments set aside adequate space to accommodate long term and sustainable retention of valuable trees? Yes 12 No 1