

Transport

Thank you to all who participated in the various transport surveys that we have undertaken. Your views have been invaluable in writing our Plan. You can find a full summary of the views expressed in a report available on the Transport page of the Neighbourhood Plan website:

<http://www.lostwithielplan.org.uk/transport.php>.

Key issues were the urgent need for bus services to Bodmin, including Bodmin Hospital, the need for more frequent train services to allow travel across the county, the importance of having a footbridge for when the level crossing gates are closed, and the need to address the question of parking in

town. These and all other issues are being actively pursued.

Cornwall Council undertook a telephone survey of rail usage on our behalf: again, thanks to all who took part. The results are on the Lostwithiel Forum website

www.tinyurl.com/LostwithielRailSurvey

They will help shape the Transport section of the Plan.



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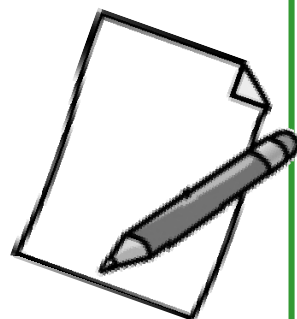
We need your views

If you wish to make comments, suggest new ideas or other policies, please write to the address below or email to clerk@lostwithieltowncouncil.gov.uk

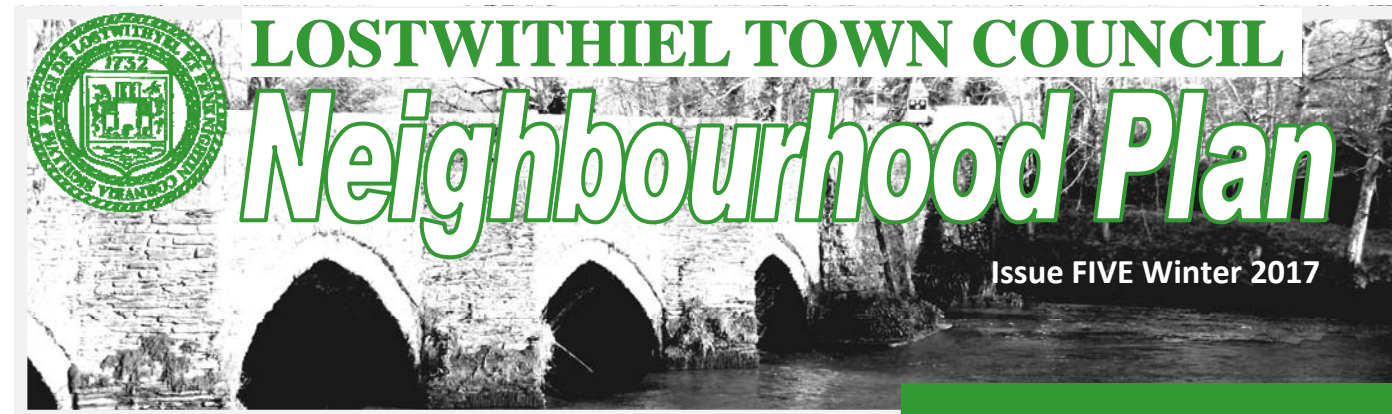
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Neighbourhood Plan makes progress

Thanks to the tremendous effort by Ian Gillett, the Housing section has been approved by the Town Council. This is the most important part of Lostwithiel's Plan as it sets out our preferences for development until 2030. See: www.lostwithielplan.org.uk. Click on the Housing icon.

We have put together an exhibit that will be appear at functions in Lostwithiel over the next couple of months. It gives information and asks questions about the level of support for suggestions concerning Community & Recreation, the Environment and Heritage.

What comes next?

Once we have collected all the information, we will start the task of writing the Draft Plan.

When approved by the Town Council, it will be checked by Cornwall Council.

The Draft Plan will be publicised.

It is then scrutinised by an independent inspector prior to going out to referendum.

If the people of Lostwithiel agree, it will be adopted.

BUSINESS

We have completed the business survey mentioned in the last issue of the Newsletter.

Thank you to all those who responded. We had responses from a wide range of businesses who employ a total of 211; 119 of whom are full-time and 92 part-time. The majority of employees live either in Lostwithiel or within 5 miles. However a significant proportion lived further from the Town.

The issues identified were, in order of importance; parking, super-fast broadband, a good road network, good public transport, toilets and information signs.

Tourism headed the list of business types that should be encouraged followed by retail, pubs & cafes. A variety of others were also mentioned.

In answer to the question, 'What are the barriers to the success or development of your business?' responses highlighted available workshop space, available workforce, retail space availability, affordability of office space, road and rail network, parking issues and slow broadband.

LOSTWITHIEL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Heritage Survey



We had 24 responses which showed the following clear preferences:-

88% of respondents felt that more could be done to promote the local heritage. Suggestions fell into three main categories:-

- Ideas to improve and extend 'active' enjoyment of Lostwithiel's heritage (e.g. having a greater range of historic walking trails and availability at the weekend).
- Ideas to improve and extend Lostwithiel's

museum facilities (e.g. increased accessibility to buildings of historic interest).

- Ideas to improve and extend Lostwithiel's heritage facilities for children (e.g. more events celebrating aspects of local history that are designed to engage young children).
- 93% of respondents stated that they valued the Town's Conservation Area status. Suggestions to ensure the future preservation of the heritage and character of Lostwithiel included:-
- Creating a Conservation Area

Appraisal and Management Plan.

- Ensuring that new developments, outside the Conservation Area, remain in keeping with the architecture within it.

Watch out for the travelling exhibit where your suggestions can be seen in more detail.

We have used these suggestions to come up with a number of potential Heritage policies.

Please let us know which of these you support by filling in the questionnaire accompanying the exhibit.

Environment Survey

We had 44 responses. Here are the headline findings. We asked you which **landscape settings** and which **landscape features you consider important**? This is what you said:-

LANDSCAPE SETTING (in order of importance): Historic and cultural features, trees and woodland, Cornish hedges and hedgerows, dark skies, small and medium field patterns, the farming landscape character, ridges and skylines.

LANDSCAPE FEATURE (in order of importance) River Fowey, parks sport/recreation/playing fields, footpaths, woodland, school fields, allotments, cycleways, graveyards/cemeteries, bridleways, gardens attached to properties, community orchards

OTHER THINGS YOU SAID WERE IMPORTANT ARE:- Access to countryside and open spaces; open spaces; conserving the River Fowey and its surroundings, the setting of Lostwithiel in its surroundings. Hedgerows and verges need to be well-maintained. Large wind farms got a 'thumbs down'.

Community Survey

We had 28 responses to the questionnaire. The number of individual responses are shown in brackets.

You were impressed by the wide range of community events taking place in the Town. Many replies mentioned LostFest (24), Carnival (20), Dickensian evening (15) and Community singing with Lost in

Song (15). You thought that the Community Centre (14), the strong friendly community (15), the variety of shops (13), the river (12), and the library (7) helped to make Lostwithiel feel special. Favourites places for recreation were; Community Centre (9), Church Hall (8), Parks (13) and the river (11).

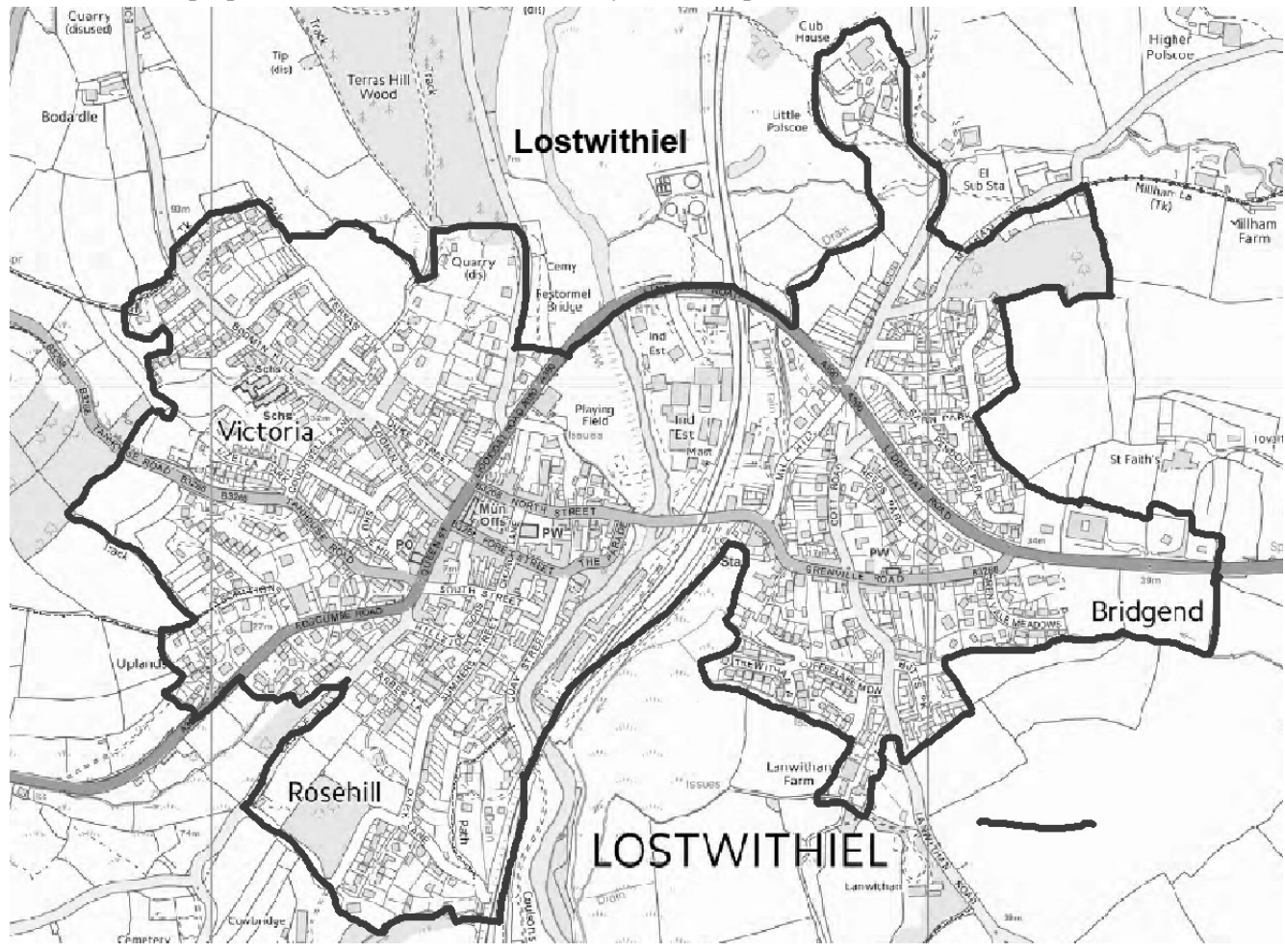
Going for walks was mentioned by 15 of you.

When asked if there are any ways the health and wellbeing of the community could be fostered, most replies cited an active, all-embracing Community Centre whilst a substantial number considered walking & cycling should be encouraged.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the above surveys.

HOUSING ~ The Settlement Boundary

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been considering your responses to how we should plan for new housing in Lostwithiel. We believe that most, if not all, new development should be contained in and around the existing town. To achieve this we have proposed a new "Settlement Boundary" (See map below)



A number of factors were considered in deciding on the settlement boundary. Almost 75% of those who responded to the housing consultation voted for the lowest number of houses consistent with the Cornwall local plan. Nearly 2/3rds supported development within a settlement boundary. Of the three

settlement lines proposed, the tightest line was by far the best-supported.

There are other considerations. Cornwall Council has identified two strategic housing sites in Lostwithiel. There is no point trying to establish a settlement line within areas where permission has already been granted or the potential for housing has been formally identified. These would almost certainly result in a successful challenge.

The Town Council has agreed the recommendation of the Steering Group to set the housing numbers as at least 132 but no more than 308. These figures all relate to the period from 2010 to 2030. Of these, sites

have already been found for 215, leaving 93 to be identified.

Additionally, the latter would only be approved when existing permissions have been substantially completed and occupied.

The Plan should include policies for; "exceptions" outside the settlement boundary. These might include conversion of redundant buildings (eg Barns), land for 100% affordable housing via Community Land Trusts, housing charities, self-build etc. Exceptions should count towards the total. We should allow up to 40 exceptions in the plan period on small sites (e.g. less than 10 per site). We do not anticipate any development being allowed in the flood plain.



The Settlement Boundary ~ We would like to hear your views