

Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan



Time to look to the future

What a neighbourhood plan cannot do

- A neighbourhood plan cannot stop development from happening.
- The Plan will guide development to be more appropriate to the locality and help decide where it goes within the plan area. It cannot stop development and government has made it clear that it is not a tool for the community to oppose proposals for new development close to them.
- A neighbourhood plan can only include proposals for an equal (or greater) amount of growth than is set out in the Borough Council's Local Plan, or regional and national guidance; it is a tool to understand what is a sustainable and appropriate level of development is for the community, and where this growth might be located.
- A neighbourhood plan does not provide a ticket or pass to do anything the community may want. There are many planning rules and regulations within which its policies must sit, and with which it must align, for it to be found acceptable in the planning system.
- A neighbourhood plan cannot predict everything that might need to change or be developed in the coming years.
- Examples of things that a neighbourhood plan cannot deal with: graffiti, litter, broadband speed, traffic speed, waste and minerals planning matters.