

Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan



Time to look to the future

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- The Localism Act 2011 sets out how communities are able to be more involved in planning for their areas – specifically around creating plans and policies to guide new development, and in some cases granting planning permission for certain types of development. Policies that are used to decide whether to approve planning applications for the next 20 years, thereby giving the town a clearer say on future development.
- It is written by the local community rather than the Local Planning Authority.
- It allows the community to create a plan that allows them to develop planning policies that reflect the priorities of their area.
- When completed the Neighbourhood Plan will carry legal weight in planning decisions and must be considered by the planning authorities. Sitting alongside the Local Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan allows the community to have its say in local planning policy.
- Once in force, developers and decision-makers would be obliged by law to take what is says into account when either submitting or considering Planning Applications. The Localism Act places a legal duty on local authorities to help and support Town and Parish Councils in Neighbourhood Planning.