

# Tavistock Plan Vision

In 2035, Tavistock is a sustainable, thriving, historic market town in which to live and work that retains the unique benefit of its historic environment, riverside setting, and surrounding moorland landscape.

Tavistock's town centre showcases a diverse range of sustainable businesses supported by commercial development in appropriate locations to serve the community.

Tavistock maintains high-quality community facilities promoting the health and well-being of residents.

Travel around and from the town is convenient by healthy and sustainable means accessible to all.

Tavistock has a variety of high-quality sustainable homes designed to meet the needs of the community and developed with respect for the character and heritage of the town.

Tavistock has parks, allotments, and other green spaces that promote active outdoor pursuits, mitigate the effects of climate change and increase biodiversity.

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<b>Housing</b>	
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<p><b>New housing meets the identified needs of the community, is well-designed, provides social benefit, delivers homes that are affordable to local people and responds positively to the challenges of climate change.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the use of community land trusts to achieve affordable and high-quality housing design that remains for the benefit of residents of Tavistock.</li> <li>2. Promote the development of appropriately-sized homes to meet the identified needs of the community.</li> <li>3. Support windfall town centre development for dwellings where it supports the overall vitality and viability of town centre uses.</li> </ol>
<b>Community Facilities</b>	
<p><b>Maintain and enhance current provision of community facilities across the parish</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Communicate with stakeholders to baseline the suitability of provision in meeting current need and evaluate mid-term future requirement (CA)</li> <li>b. Assess what synergies exist between facilities and what further opportunities are desirable (e.g., Tavistock College / Mount Kelly sharing) (CA)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Ensure that future planning decisions do not adversely impact current community facilities and take into account future demand arising from planning</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Early engagement with relevant planning applications</li> <li>2. Engage with facility providers to estimate future likely demand as user needs change (e.g., wider adoption of four-day working, enlarged community of active retired)</li> </ol>

<p><b>decisions and societal changes</b></p>	
<p><b>Support future provision of community facilities to enhance quality of life in the parish and encourage economic activity</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seek early information to support future requirements to maintain a leading position in the provision of facilities.</li> <li>2. Provide decision-makers with a realistic assessment of possible future requirements to enhance attractiveness of Tavistock as a place to live, work or visit (e.g., electric scooter provision, cultural endeavours)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Business &amp; Enterprise</b></p>	
<p><b>Town centre to remain the commercial and social heart of Tavistock but encourage sustainable neighbourhood retail sites that meet local needs.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support development in the interests of a diverse and flourishing town centre</li> <li>2. Encourage and safeguard the retail function of the town centre and neighbourhoods</li> <li>3. Encourage the positive and acceptable use of upper floors of shops and commercial premises</li> <li>4. Community Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Provision of facilities which support for activities for everyone including children and teens</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Support and develop sustainable businesses and enterprises appropriate for the local community, environment and fabric of the town</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Develop consensus with BID, Business Hub and Chamber of Commerce for development of local economy – regular meetings</li> <li>ii. Ensure businesses develop attractive visitor offering – links with rail and bus – support from GWR/Stagecoach/Go-Ahead</li> <li>iii. Take advantage of potential corporate social responsibility opportunities as pertaining to local business (Morrisons, Tesco, Lidl, Jewsons etc)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv. Maintain regular close links with local media to update town on latest business ideas and developments</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sustainable development that recognises the importance of Tavistock’s unique market town heritage and its place within a working rural community.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Business development in town and agricultural development outside town to be developed in line with traditional methods.</li> <li>2. Community Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Promote marketing and sale of local produce</li> <li>ii. Dialogue with commercial developers and commercial agents to understand the local market</li> <li>iii. Physical bricks and mortar/ online connectivity developed to fit the needs of businesses to operate and attract workers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Environment and Green Space</h2>	
<p><b>Future development in Tavistock will aim to respect the environment and green space, enhance biodiversity, and protect the landscape attractiveness of the town.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Respect green space boundaries with neighbouring parishes in order that settlement should remain separate, distinct, and buffered.</li> <li>2. Protect and enhance formal and informal public green space, extending green space provision in parts of the parish where it is less accessible or less diverse.</li> <li>3. Protect and enhance habitats and increase biodiversity.</li> <li>4. Value landscape and views as part of our settlement’s character and identify and protect these qualities.</li> </ul> <p>Promote sustainable environmental practices and adaptations to climate change, recognising increased flood risk as a particular vulnerability.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Heritage</h2>	

<p><b>Safeguard for the future, buildings, structures and streetscapes that impact on the heritage and history of the Parish.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify heritage assets within the Parish not currently having the protection of national (i.e. Listed building or scheduled monument status) or local listing, that warrant policy protection in the Neighbourhood Plan until such time as they are added to the West Devon Borough Council ‘Local List.’</li> <li>2. Identify streetscapes of importance outside the two conservation areas that are linked to the heritage and history of the Parish, and which play a contribution to the significance of the area, to ensure the character is maintained.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Ensure that the character of the heritage and historic environment in the two Conservation Areas is enhanced for the benefit of the present and future generations.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify where the quality of the built heritage requires enhancement, or the built heritage is in a state of disrepair or neglect thereby ensuring the quality of the local area is maintained by highlighting their condition for future improvement and enhancement.</li> <li>2. Identify degraded or poorly maintained public realm structures, green spaces and associated structures, for future improvement and enhancement.</li> <li>3. Encourage and support improved access to, and enhancement of, heritage assets where it does not compromise their value.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Ensure that the World Heritage Site status is developed to encourage access to, and awareness and understanding of, the mining heritage and history to bolster visitors to the town.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Action: Encourage and support the community organisations working to increase public awareness to understand the importance of the World Heritage Site.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Transport and Connectivity</b></p>	

<p><b>Getting around Tavistock on foot, by bicycle or using mobility aids is an attractive and convenient option.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure new development is connected by convenient, safe, walkable routes to its immediate neighbourhood and to key facilities.</li> <li>2. Protect, improve and add to traffic-free paths and safe cycling routes within the town and connecting to neighbouring settlements.</li> <li>3. Ensure street furniture (including electric vehicle chargepoints) does not obstruct pedestrians</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Community action: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Identify and seek mitigation for places where pedestrian infrastructure is inadequate (eg no or narrow pavement, long detour)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Tavistock has good facilities for public and shared transport connecting to nearby villages and towns.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protect the route for a restored rail link in both directions (to Bere Alston and to Okehampton)</li> <li>2. Protect and enhance the bus station and bus stops</li> <li>3. Ensure any larger developments have road layouts which provide for bus access and for shared transport schemes (eg car club and bike share parking).</li> <li>4. Identify potential sites on the edge of the town for park and change facilities.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Community action: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Advocate for increased bus route coverage</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Negative impacts of transport including traffic congestion and pollution are minimized.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support initiatives which reduce the need to travel, including improvements to digital communication.</li> <li>2. Ensure that overall parking provision across the town centre, for vehicles, cycles and micromobility devices meets the changing needs of residents, visitors and businesses.</li> <li>3. Facilitate provision for electric vehicle charging, including sites convenient to homes without off-street parking.</li> </ol>

4. Community action:

- i. Encourage travel planning by schools and larger businesses to reduce peak time traffic