

## Report of Vision Aims and Objectives feedback

### **Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan**

### **Visions, Aims and Objectives Presentation to Tavistock Town Council & invited guests**

**Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023, Tavistock Council Chambers**

Presentation was made by Cllr Ursula Mann, Chair of TNDP

#### **Attendees:**

Councillors: Tavistock Town Council; West Devon Borough Council; Gulworthy Parish Council  
Steering group members  
Alex Rehaag, Principal Affordable Housing Officer, West Devon Borough Council  
Elliott Hale, Neighbourhood Planning Officer, West Devon Borough Council

#### **Transcript of presentation with comments and observations from meeting attendees.**

#### **Ursula Mann:**

*Thank you to those of you who have chosen to attend today. As I mentioned, today's discussion is just one opportunity for those of you who are already working in our community for the good of it to get involved with shaping the aims of the Tavistock Neighbourhood Plan.*

*To promote the most open form of discussion, including dissenting or unpopular opinions, with the need for transparency for a community project, I intend to apply the Chatham House rule to the meeting.*

#### *NDP Steering Group members:*

*I'm extremely grateful to the members of the group, who are responsive, committed and creative and to whom we should all extend thanks for their time, given voluntarily, toward this community effort.*

*I would also like to introduce Alex Rehaag, Principal Affordable Housing Officer and Elliott Hale, Neighbourhood Planning Officer, West Devon Borough Council. They have both provided support throughout the process so far and on behalf of the Steering Group and the Town Council I would like to thank them for their continued support and guidance and for their time today.*

- *Cllr Ursula Mann, Chair*
- *Dr. Sharon Gedye*

- Kit Harbottle
  - Stuart Honey, Secretary
  - Cllr Philip Peers
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- Janna Sanders
  - Sue Spackman
  - Cllr Pete Squire
  - Ian Wright

*As background, I would remind you that the NDP will be adopted to run alongside the Joint Local Plan which itself will enter review in 2024 and runs to 2034. Each set of policies must be reviewed regularly (at least every 5 years) but the nice thing about adopting the Tavistock plan is that the next time we head into review we should have less work to do and the policy work is more about adjusting policies or adding additional policies.*

*Also, just a reminder, the NDP sits under National Planning Policy and the Joint Local Plan, and in general it must be in conformity with those plans and shouldn't repeat policies that are already part of the plan. I don't expect you or I to know whether the aims do this, we have hired a planner as project manager who will help as will the WDBC officers.*

*In setting aims for a neighbourhood plan, it is necessary to assess and predict the social, environmental and physical trends affecting Tavistock over the plan period. But aspirations should also be considered. The whole point of a neighbourhood plan is to have a positive impact. A careful balance needs to be struck between being ambitious, but also realistic. The vision and aims should be as clear and concise as possible, as they will inform the policies of the plan. The vision and aims will need to be translated into a practical set of policies as the means to achieving them and this is why it's so important to frontload the process with good consultation to make sure the aims really reflect what Tavistock wants and needs as a community.*

*It's important to note as well, that this is a working document – one that is likely to evolve over the next few months. There is still evidence incoming that relates to these aims and objectives. We have had a draft Housing Needs Analysis and a Town profile from WDBC. Interviews with businesses and other groups are ongoing. Some ideas may fall away if we don't get evidence to support it, others need real work to be done to gather evidence and this may be another request that the steering group makes to those in this room, to continue to support and spread the word about those efforts to gather evidence. Thank you to those of you who have already supported the efforts of the steering group to this point. Your social media shares and comments, your individual contributions are much appreciated.*

*Finally, throughout the document we've tried to separate out 'Community Actions' which aren't really able to be turned into planning policy. Projects that could come from community actions are still worth documenting in an NDP however, because if the community support is present and the will to do these things is present then the NDP can act as a source of evidence when the community seeks to fund the project from various grant organisations.*

*Thank you for all of your input today. We will publish the notes on our website and will discuss them at our next meeting. (January 11<sup>th</sup>, here in the chamber)*

*We are going to be holding a similar exercise with the public invited in February at the town hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and will send you all invitations then as well to forward to anyone with whom you're working to make sure they also get a chance to feed into the vision and aims. If you didn't get a chance to mention something or would like to email comments to us you can either email myself or Stuart Honey. You can follow Tavistock plan on Facebook, on Instagram and you can also get on our mailing list to keep up with the steering group.*

## **Feedback and comments on Tavistock Plan Vision and individual topics VOA Tavistock Plan Vision:**

Greater emphasis should be given to Climate emergency, bio-diversity and energy crisis in the opening vision statement, as well as being adjunct statements in individual topics VOA  
Safeguarding and enforcing should be community objective  
Regeneration and retention of green spaces should be emphasized

### **Housing:**

Community Land Trust was addressed and this will be researched with support of WDBC  
Opportunity to visit Chagford Community Land Trust development

### **Community Facilities:**

Greater emphasis should be made for the local community to have a greater say in what facilities are required and wanted in the coming years.  
This is accepted and there will be need for evidence gathering 'on the ground' with support and feedback from councillors from their wards.

Aim: ensure that planning decisions 'enhance' the impact... - is more positive language  
Objectives: identify the what the community facilities are: pubs, leisure centres, halls, societies, library etc Partnership – working together is key

Community action – acknowledgement of threats facing facilities due to energy costs and inflation

### **Business:**

Emphasise importance of sustainable supply chain – encourage greater links with town hinterland (countryside/local farms)  
Language in key aims – 'safeguard and retain' interests and aims of business  
Spell out acceptable use of upper floors – residential and office services and other businesses

Identify land for regeneration

Highlight hospitality industry

Address issues of small traders, micro and online businesses based in the town

### **Environment and Green Space:**

More emphasis on climate emergency – especially flood risk Instead of ‘respect’ stronger word ‘protect’

Are there incentives or enforcements possible within plan?

### **Heritage:**

World Heritage status to be not only promoted – but goal to ensure that this is understood in the community.

Whitchurch should have a specific defined conservation area character assessment plan as part of TNDP – ‘beef up’ what there is at present

Heritage building maintenance should be balanced with needs of the community eg. energy efficiencies

### **Travel and Connectivity**

In seeking digital improvement - development of free wifi in public spaces

**Note:** Barriers to a high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure could be addressed with a grant available for local communities <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/329-million-to-create-a-national-network-of-walking-and-cycling-experts>

### **In conclusion**

In order for the plan to succeed, with the amount of work and breadth of scope required, support and input from the Council and councillors will be vital, in the coming months.

## Business Topic feedback from Tavistock District Chamber of Commerce breakfast presentation and Community Conversation

The boards were closely scrutinised with a broad spread of support with green dot approvals, only four red dots, in total!

Some of the post-it note suggestions (see below) are equally appropriate for other topics

All boards combined – broad consensus spread of dots for both events

Aim	1 Town Centre	4		
Obj	1 Sustainable Dev	17		
	2 Support Retail	17		
	3 Upper Floor Uses	9	1	
	4 Hospitality, night time	15	1	
CA	1 Young People	3		
Aim	2 Market town Heritage	1		
Obj	1 Character and Sustainable Supply Chain	1		
CA	a Promote Local Produce	15	1	
	B Speak with Commercial Developers	7		
	C Address online shopping	8		
	d Develop business with BID and WDBC	6		
	I Develop Consensus	8		
	li Visitor Offering	7		
	lii Social Responsibility Offerings	3		
	Iv Use local media	6	1	

### Post it note suggestions

‘Ensure right balance of types and mix of shops in the town.... ie. not too many betting shops or charity shops, or chains that mar other towns – maintain independent traders’

‘Hot desk hub or club for the many people who work from home’

‘Consistent high-speed broadband throughout the parish’

‘Enliven market road - open up the riverside there and opportunities for smaller traders along the back of Duke St and Brook St.’

‘Welcome to new residents to Tavistock pack – directory of services and tips in pdf downloadable from websites - something in collaboration with estate agents’

'Use social media more to notify young people of events'

'Later evening opening in the summer one day a week/regularly – open town up – to get more visitors and locals for shopping and eating out, street entertainment'

'Improve energy – solar power for Tavistock'

# Environment & Green Space - Topic Update

The objectives received a high degree of support. However, ‘Objective 5’ received two red dots. No comments/discussion was voiced to explain the reasoning for this. It is possible that this relates to mention of ‘climate change’ but without direct feedback it is not possible to be certain.

It is therefore suggested that the objectives remain the same but that in future consultations attention should be given to objective five to try and ascertain what is behind the small amount of opposition.

Community Actions to add:

- Use Local Green Space (LGS) designation, part of the National Planning Framework (NPF), to protect local green areas of particular importance to local communities. See the Open Spaces Society for support on this process <https://www.oss.org.uk>
- Have important views within and beyond the town designated [I need help locating the correct policy/process for this as I could not find it]
- Subject to funding, establish a Wildlife Warden, following the model used at Teignbridge - <https://ww.actionclimateteignbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/ACT-Wildlife-Warden-Scheme-Aug-20-PS01.pdf>

## Environment and Green Space Feedback:

### Community Conversation Event

	Conversation Table Board	Main Board
Objective 1	10 Green	4 Green
Objective 2	10 Green	2 Green
Objective 3	9 Green	4 Green
Objective 4	9 Green	4 Green
Objective 5	12 Green; 1 Red	3 Green

### Post-it Comments/Discussion Feedback:

- Embracing natural play at our green sites – willow tunnels, boulders, tree-trunks. The meadows is currently very sterile.
- Storage ponds would be a good idea to help protect against flooding.
- Soft engineering for flood protection.
- Plant trees on Whitchurch Down. At the moment when it rains it quickly sheds water. It doesn't take much for runoff on the short grass and compact ground to start.
- Bannawell is a natural place for attenuation ponds – they are already there but silting up.

- Don't repair the Bannawell Bridge [this comment related to the water management of the Bannawell pond area]
- Rainwater playgrounds – activities that embrace water for play in a positive way.
- Household rainwater harvesting – slows down water entering the drain system.
- Diversify from amenity grass in Meadows – long grass, flowers. Relax cutting regime. It is a historic and unsustainable practice.
- Lots of pockets of green space that are poor/lack biodiversity and un-loved. Great opportunities for biodiversity enhancement.
- Meadows lacks biodiversity and is sterile.
- Bannawell ponds silting up so ineffective as flood alleviation.
- Tavy with bird hides.
- Mitigate flood risk to residents.
- Introduce beavers, otters, water-voles as recommended by ecologists (check).
- Reeds, birdlife.
- Well-being; therapeutic amenity.

#### Cross Cutting Theme Comments:

- Bike shelters with green roofs – encourage active travel even when raining.
- Accessible – on outskirts designate paths and cycle routes.

#### Questions Raised:

- Who advises the Town Council on ecology/environment? Is this falling between the cracks; lacking a direction and consolidation?
- The Town Council leases land to the golf course but what 'value' do we get from this? Are there opportunities for enhancement of this land?

#### TDCC Event

Objective 1	6 Green
Objective 2	7 Green
Objective 3	11 Green
Objective 4	6 Green
Objective 5	8 Green; 1 Red

#### Post-it Comments

- Impact of town on surrounding farm/countryside e.g. litter, dogs.

#### Tamar Energy Event

- There were no comments specific to environment and green space.

#### Discussion

#### Totals

Objective 1	20 Green
Objective 2	19 Green
Objective 3	24 Green
Objective 4	19 Green
Objective 5	23 Green; 2 Red

Main themes in the consultation feedback related to:

- Concern about flooding and water management (the strong response may have been prompted by the presence of the Westcountry Rivers Trust who were speaking with attendees at the coffee/chat event)
- Concern about lack of biodiversity
- Nature-led approach to recreational space, particularly for children.

## HERITAGE topic update

2. If you are planning to amend, add to, or remove any part of the aims or objectives in your topic area then please include these changes along with the feedback leading to them. The original vision document is available on Dropbox but please save your own version separately.

No changes to the existing objectives required as there was no negative feedback.

3. A report regarding the feedback that you received about your topic at the community events . This should include: any written comments, the visual feedback in the form of dots (number and colours please, photos are available on Dropbox), and any oral feedback you received directly from the public.

Heritage feedback:

### Community Conversation Event

Table:

Aim – Safeguard

Objective 1	5 green dots		
Objective 2	3 “ “		
Objective 3a.	1 “ “		

Aim - Character

Objective 1	5 green dots		
Objective 2	3 “ “		
Objective 3a	1 green dot	1 red dot	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>1</b>

Additional Comments:

Character -

“Increase visual openness of public access heritage buildings i.e. open solid doors with glazed interior doors.”

“If buildings is on heritage site - but derelict there needs to be pragmatism especially the old buildings on Spring Hill. It is not fit for purpose and something sympathetic needs to be done this could be a new build in an old style.

General comment – concern about the future of the bandstand as it is the last remaining feature of the Benson’s Pleasure Meadows.

Main Board:

Aim – safeguard

Objective 1	5 green spots		
Objective 2	1 “ “		

Aim – character

Objective 1	2 green spots		
Objective 2	1 “ “		
Objective 3a	2 “ “		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>		

**TDCC Event**

Aim – safeguard

Objective 1	4 green spots		
Objective 2	3 “ “		

Objective 3 2 “ “

Aim – character

Objective 1 3 green spots

Objective 2 3 “ “

Objective 3a 2 “ “

Objective 3b 1 “ “

**TOTAL 18**

### **Tamar Energy Event**

Comment – “want to preserve the feeling of the past.”

### **Chamber of Commerce**

Aim – safeguard 3 green spots

Objective 1 2 “ “

Objective 2 3 “ “

Objective 3 2 “ “

**TOTAL 10**

# HOUSING topic update

2. If you are planning to amend, add to, or remove any part of the aims or objectives in your topic area then please include these changes along with the feedback leading to them. The original vision document is available on Dropbox but please save your own version separately.

No need to change any existing objectives, as these received no negative feedback.

Propose to add two community actions to the housing area:

1. Work with local councils and nearby communities to find ways to promote bulk procurement of renewable energy improvements for existing housing stock.
2. Promote CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) use by WDBC.

3. A report regarding the feedback that you received about your topic at the community events . This should include: any written comments, the visual feedback in the form of dots (number and colours please, photos are available on Dropbox ), and any oral feedback you received directly from the public.

Housing Feedback:

## Community Conversation Event

Main Board:

2 green dots by each objective (10 total)

Table:

6 green dots objective 1 [Design]

10 green dots objective 2 [CLT]

2 green dots objective 3 [Windfall Town Centre]

4 green dots objective 4 [Redress Imbalance in Tenure]

3 green dots objective 5 [Infrastructure]

Additional Comments:

1. Zero carbon housing should be a prerequisite to any new development and for existing housing we should look at bulk community procurement of renewable technologies.
2. Promote/provide housing that is fit for the future, doesn't rely on fossil fuel. Heatsource, create SUDS, growing spaces
3. WDBC should be encouraged to introduce Community Infrastructure Levy

Unrelated comment – bring back a regular farmer's market which I understand was priced out of the squire despite of drawing people to the town.

Discussion feedback:

Some individuals expressed interest in whether the NDP would allocate any market housing and due to the current housing need having been identified through JLP this was explained. However, the current aims and objectives could provide a route for a developer to offer land for a CLT development which would sit outside the current allocations (exception site) which might then make a market housing development more palatable to the community.

I had to look up what SUDS are: By taking into account amenity and water quality as well as flood risk, SuDS drainage can allow developers to address multiple requirements in one, whereby streamlining the pre-application planning process. SuDS drainage may also be able to assist new development to be undertaken in areas where the existing sewers are at or close to capacity, as the systems aim to reduce runoff to sewers wherever possible. This seems

outside the ability of NDP to influence, but will ask about this with our consultant and also WDBC NDP/planning team.

### **TDCC Event**

- 5 green dots on housing vision
- 4 green dots objective 1 [Design]
- 2 green dots objective 2 [CLT]
- 2 green dots objective 3 [Windfall Town Centre Housing]
- 4 green dots objective 4 [Redress imbalance in Tenure]
- 2 green dots objective 5 [Infrastructure]

Total = 19

### **Tamar Energy Event**

Agree, want to preserve the feel of the place.

Look at Chagford development – all different houses.

Do need houses at affordable prices, ie for local pay rates.

If more homes, need more facilities to match.

## Transport Feedback at Community Conversation 22/2/23

A lot of interest – table was busy most of the evening. Few detailed questions. General tone supportive of aims.

### Sticker count

This is total from central stand and theme table at Community Conversation. Figures from Chamber of Commerce event included in brackets for comparison. Very few reds, so only noted where present.

Aim 1 (getting around on foot, by bicycle etc)

General	Green 1 [1]
O1 (connecting new development)	Green 11 [7]
O2 (Protect and add paths / cycle routes)	Green 11 [8]
O3 (Street furniture not obstructive)	Green 7 [2]
C4 (poor infrastructure)	Green 5 [0]

Aim 2 (public & shared transport)

General	
O1 (safeguard rail route)	Green 19 [11] Red 1 [1]
O2 (protect / enhance bus station & stops)	Green 5 [3]
O3 (facilities on larger developments)	Green 10 [4]
O4 (park & change sites)	Green 6 [2] Red 5 [0]
C5 ((bus advocacy)	Green 2 [1]

Aim 3 (minimize negatives)

General	Green 1 [1]
O1 (reduce need to travel)	Green 7 [4]
O2 (parking)	Green 8 [4]
O3 (EV charging)	Green 9 [3]
C4 (travel planning)	Green 10 [1]

### Comments made on post-it notes

*[Blue are those also relevant to another theme]*

Pedestrianisation of Duke St during the day

Pedestrianize P.O. [part of?] town centre after 10am – 4pm

Difficulties for walkable Tavistock:

- For disabled people: Paths not wide enough; Entrances difficult for wheelchairs; Uneven surfaces; Steps; Virtual footpaths
- For all: safety & lighting

Extend viaduct walkway so it reaches a destination, further

Enhance safety of routes for pedestrians & joggers from town centre to NW hill of town – safety on winter nights / eves.

Enhance / increase natural / passive supervision on viaduct & alley routes

Shallower gradient cycle routes where possible

Do we need the bus station where it is?

Bus to Launceston and Bude please

Review bus routes & add stops, eg Redmoor Close

Promote community bus to all

Encouragement should be given to walk or use public transport to get children / teachers to school rather than by car.

Create car park on edge of town.

**Points made in conversation:**

Clarity on where traffic free routes go: Example given of a friend with mild dementia (not very familiar with Tavistock) who likes to walk and was found trying to walk towards Yelverton on the A386 south of the supermarkets, at point where the paths & NCN cycle route go through housing estate and are away from the main road / out of sight.

[Explanation of red dot on Aim 3 Objective 1] Buses to Plymouth and to Okehampton are fine. Rebuilding rail line would not be best use of public funds. Bus station could be enhanced.

Lockable cycle store – or at least one under cover – would be useful. May be an opportunity to include when Market Road renovated next year.

Re cycle storage: rentable lockers as at George Park & Ride.

Queries about the route of proposed rail link to Bere Alston.

Query about exact location of proposed new station. Person not against having one, but said that in looking for housing had been put off Canon's Way in case it meant having a path to station on boundary of property.

Residents permits for parking would be useful for some streets. Can be very difficult for them to find space in or near Bannawell Street Person suggesting this used to live in Mutley and said permits worked reasonably well there, though as covered a wide area might still not be able to find a space close to home.

Another comment supportive of parking reserved for residents.

EV charging: person expressed preference for rapid charging. Wallingford cited as an example of a town which has recently had a number of chargepoints installed.

Chapel Street is used as a rat run and for cars going to Abbey Surgery – causes problems for residents as not designed for this.

Mount Kelly site has poor mobile signal

[Unfortunately, none of those putting red dots re park and change objective chose to explain reason.]

## **Tavistock Plan Vision**

In 2034, Tavistock is a sustainable, thriving market town that benefits from and safeguards its natural and built historic environment, riverside setting, green spaces and surrounding moorland landscape and has responded positively to the challenges posed by our changing climate.

Tavistock retains its renown town centre and markets which showcase a diverse range of sustainable businesses to serve the community and maintains high-quality community facilities and infrastructure that promote the health and well-being of residents.

Tavistock has a variety of sustainable and accessible homes designed to meet the needs of a balanced community, developed with respect for the character and heritage of the town.

Travel within and around the town is convenient by healthy and sustainable means accessible to all and the town is well-connected to Plymouth and other nearby communities by public transport.

Parks, allotments, and other green spaces in Tavistock are protected and maintained to promote active outdoor pursuits, mitigate the effects of climate change and increase biodiversity.



Aims	Objectives
<b>Housing</b>	
<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 response positively to the challenges of climate change.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote well-designed, sustainable and accessible housing in appropriate locations that meets the identified needs of the community.</li> <li>2. Support the use of community land trusts to achieve affordable, sustainable and high-quality housing design for the benefit of local people.</li> <li>3. Support windfall town centre development for dwellings where it supports the overall vitality and viability of town centre uses.</li> <li>4. Support developments with a housing tenure, size and mix that redress imbalances in the age and income demographics of the community to ensure that Tavistock remains a vibrant and diverse market town.</li> <li>5. Promote developer contributions to enhance and extend Tavistock’s social infrastructure.</li> </ol>

Aims	Objectives
<b>Business</b>	
<p><b>Tavistock's Town Centre remains the commercial and social heart of Tavistock and sustainable neighbourhood retail sites that meet local needs are supported.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support sustainable and inclusive town centre development which sustains and safeguards a diverse and flourishing town centre.</li> <li>2. Encourage and safeguard the retail function of the town centre and neighbourhoods, while supporting appropriate mixed-use which meets the identified housing needs of the community.</li> <li>3. Encourage the positive and acceptable use for residential, office, and services of upper floors of shops and commercial premises.</li> <li>4. Promote vibrant daytime and evening activities, including hospitality businesses, to enhance town centre vitality and viability and support the development of cultural uses and activity.</li> </ol> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Community Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Document community support for facilities which provide activities for everyone, including children and young people.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Development that is sustainable and recognises the importance of Tavistock's unique market town heritage and place within a working rural community is promoted.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support sustainable business development in town that respects the town's character and agricultural development outside town that enhances a sustainable supply chain.</li> </ol> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Community actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Promote marketing and sale of local produce.</li> <li>b. Speak with commercial developers and agents to understand the local market.</li> <li>c. Document and identify adaptation needed arising from the challenges and opportunities presented by online shopping and changes in technology and consumer behaviour.</li> <li>d. Support and develop sustainable businesses appropriate for the local community, environment and fabric of the town by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Developing consensus with BID, Business Hub, and Chamber of Commerce for development of local economy through regular meetings.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Ensuring businesses develop attractive visitor offering, including links with rail and bus with support from GWR, Stagecoach, Go-ahead.</li> <li>iii. Using potential corporate social responsibility opportunities pertaining to local business.</li> <li>iv. Maintaining regular close links with local media to update town on latest business ideas and developments.</li> </ul>
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<b>Aims</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
<b>Community Facilities</b>	
<b>Community facilities across the parish are maintained and enhanced and new community facilities are supported where they increase the quality of life in the parish and encourage positive economic activity.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support proposals that enhance or maintain Tavistock’s leading position within the surrounding rural community in the provision of facilities meeting identified needs or enhancing the quality of life for local people.</li> <li>2. Protect and maintain existing community facilities.</li> <li>3. Community Actions:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Engage with local 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> <li>b. Engage with local community facilities and charities to identify proposals that need planning permission that support identified needs in the community.</li> <li>c. 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> </li> </ol>
<b>Planning decisions enhance and do not adversely impact community facilities.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engage with relevant planning applications early on to understand the impacts on community facilities.</li> <li>2. Identify appropriate planning criteria that would enhance the quality of development by mitigating adverse effects on community facilities.</li> <li>3. Community Actions</li> </ol>

	<ul 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 by considering future demand arising from planning decisions and societal changes.</li><li>b. Assess what synergies exist between facilities and what further opportunities are desirable. (e.g. Tavistock College/Mount Kelly sharing)</li><li>c. Identify and prepare for changes in policy or law that create detriment for local community facilities.</li></ul>
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Aims	Objectives
<b>Environment</b>	
<p><b>Development in Tavistock enhances biodiversity and protects the environment, green space, and the landscape attractiveness of the town.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protect 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 and protect landscape, its role and character and the views it frames as part of Tavistock's setting.</li> <li>5. Promote sustainable environmental practices and support adaptations and mitigations to climate change, recognising increased flood risk as a particular vulnerability.</li> </ol>

Aims	Objectives
<b>Heritage</b>	
<b>Buildings, structures and streetscapes that contribute to the heritage and history of the parish are safeguarded for the future and protected from harm.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protect 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 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 contribute to the significance of the area to ensure the character is maintained.</li> <li>3. Community Action:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensure that the World Heritage Site status is promoted and understood in the community to encourage access to and awareness and understanding of, the mining heritage and history and bolster visitors to the town.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>The character of the heritage and history environment in the two Conservation Areas is enhanced for the benefit of the present and future generations.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support and encourage improvements to the quality of our built heritage in the two Conservation Areas where it requires enhancement.</li> <li>2. Improve and enhance degraded or poorly maintained areas of the public realm within the Conservation Areas.</li> <li>3. Community Action:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage and support improved access to heritage assets where it does not compromise their value.</li> <li>b. Work with West Devon Borough Council and Historic England to create a character appraisal of the Whitchurch Conservation Area.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

Aims	Objectives
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	
<b>Getting around Tavistock on foot, by bicycle or using mobility aids is an attractive and convenient option.</b>	<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> <li>4. Community Action: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify and seek mitigation for places where pedestrian infrastructure is inadequate (eg no or narrow pavement, long detour)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Tavistock has good facilities for public and shared transport connecting to nearby villages and towns.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safeguard the route for a restored rail link in both direction (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 care club and bike share parking).</li> <li>4. Identify potential sites on the edge of the town for park and change facilities.</li> <li>5. Community Action: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Advocate for increased bus route coverage.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Negative impacts of transport, including traffic congestion</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support initiatives which reduce the need to travel, including improvements to digital communication. (Eg public Wifi)</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>

**and pollution, are minimized.**

4. Community Action:

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