

## Summary of the Tavistock Neighbourhood Plan.

*This is a summary only, the actual policies should be read from the main [plan documents](#).*



Group	Policy	Description
<b>Sustainable Development</b>	SD1: High Quality Sustainable Design	Design that respects local character through sustainable, community-influenced development (includes full design code - <a href="#">click here to download</a> ).
	SD2: Small Scale Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Proposals	Small-scale clean energy supported if it protects nature, landscape, heritage, and neighbour amenity.
<b>Housing</b>	HOU1: Community Housing Schemes	Encourages affordable housing owned and managed locally for the long-term benefit of Tavistock residents.
	HOU2: Residential Development in the Town Centre	Residential use allowed in the centre if it preserves vitality and mitigates negative impacts.
	HOU3: Responding to Local Housing Needs	New housing must reflect local demand for tenure, size, affordability, elderly needs, and self-build opportunities.
<b>Business</b>	B1: Supporting a Managed Transition in the Town Centre	Manages shift in town centre use to keep it vibrant and commercially active.
	B2: Town Centre Development and Protecting Character	Town centre development must enhance vitality, respect heritage, and follow design guidance.
<b>Community Facilities</b>	CF1: Protecting Locally Valued Community Facilities	Protects buildings and facilities valued by the community unless equal benefit can be proven.
	CF2: Open Space and Recreation	Safeguards key recreation areas and open spaces across Tavistock for continued community use.
	CF3: Enhancing Community Facilities	Supports creating or upgrading facilities if accessible, beneficial, and developed with community input.
<b>Environment</b>	ENV1: Local Green Space Designations	Protects 44 green spaces from development unless exceptional justification is proven.
	ENV2: Extending Access into the Countryside	Supports proposals that improve walking, cycling, and trail access into Tavistock's countryside.
	ENV3: Protecting and Enhancing Habitats and Biodiversity	Protects nature corridors and biodiversity, requiring mitigation for unavoidable impacts.
	ENV4: Protecting and Enhancing Landscape Character, Views and Vistas	Protects scenic views and landscape character; public access must be maintained where views are within sites.

<b>Heritage</b>	HER1: Protecting Local Heritage Assets	Development must avoid harming historic assets and instead aim to enhance heritage character.
	HER2: Priority Projects in the Historic Environment	Supports enhancing Tavistock Abbey and Betsy Grimbals Tower with sensitive design and heritage assessments.
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	TC1: Accessible Development	Requires new developments to support inclusive, sustainable travel and connectivity.
	TC2: Protecting and Improving the Local Walking and Cycling Network	Protects and improves existing routes while supporting safe, accessible infrastructure additions.
	TC3: Facilitating Pedestrian Access	Street furniture and EV points must not block pedestrian routes or reduce accessibility.
	TC4: Supporting the Reinstatement of the Former Railway Line	Supports railway reinstatement if it delivers biodiversity gains and sustainable transport links.
	TC5: Protecting and Enhancing Public Transport Infrastructure	Safeguards bus stops and other public transport assets from loss without replacement.
	TC6: Improvements to the Bus Station	Backs regeneration with enhanced facilities and electric vehicle infrastructure.
	TC7: Fibre Infrastructure	New developments must include future-proof high-speed internet access, unless unfeasible.
	TC8: Parking for Bicycles, E-scooters and Mobility Vehicles	Supports provision of safe, accessible, and low-impact parking for non-car mobility options.
	TC9: Vehicle Parking Areas	Town centre car parks safeguarded unless loss is mitigated and accessibility maintained.
	TC10: Brook Street Car Park	Redevelopment supported if parking is replaced and heritage and design standards are met.
	TC11: Provision of Electric Charge Points	Encourages EV charging stations that fit with local character and meet accessibility policies.