

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
Sustainable Development	SD1: High Quality Sustainable Design	Design that respects local character through sustainable, community-influenced development (includes full design code - click here to download).
	SD2: Small Scale Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Proposals	Small-scale clean energy supported if it protects nature, landscape, heritage, and neighbour amenity.
Housing	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.
Business	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.
Community Facilities	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.
Environment	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.

Heritage	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.
Transport and Connectivity	TC1: Accessible Development	Requires new developments to support inclusive, sustainable travel.
	TC2: Protecting and Improving the Local Walking and Cycling Network	Protects existing routes while supporting suitable improvements and additions.
	TC3: Facilitating Pedestrian Access	New street furniture and EV points should not block people using the pavement.
	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 public transport infrastructure from loss unless replaced.
	TC6: Improvements to the Bus Station	Supports improvements to facilities at Tavistock bus station.
	TC7: Fibre Infrastructure	Supports provision of fast and reliable internet connectivity in new developments.
	TC8: Parking for Bicycles, E-scooters and Mobility Vehicles	Supports provision of well designed and suitably sited parking for these vehicles.
	TC9: Vehicle Parking Areas	Town centre car park capacity 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	Supports provision of public EV charging stations which fit with the Design Code and TC3.