Neighbourhood Development Plan

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WHATS BEEN HAPPENING?

Although we have been slightly distracted by the local elections, our committee has continued to meet fortnightly and we remain on target to complete our plan this year. We are still in the process of gathering evidence and have been investing our time and effort in compiling information about our landscape, natural environment, heritage, access to green spaces and our built environment. Many thanks to those residents who joined our Landscape Character Survey Walk on 23rd April. We have amassed a large collection of data and photographs and are in the process of preparing our report. We are also supporting local residents in the organisation of the "Big Lunch" event and have also established the foundations for a parish-wide Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Also, our website is now up and running and you can see minutes of all of our meetings so far. We are still in the process of populating the various sections of the site. You can find it at www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

THE BIG LUNCH



'The Big Lunch' is a worldwide event, which was initiated by the Eden Project in 2009. The aim was to bring neighbours and communities together.

The idea is that by starting something this simple, all sorts of friendships, ideas and projects can come out of a 'big lunch'. It gets people together and talking – and it can lead to the community discussing and jointly tackling issues that matter to them most.

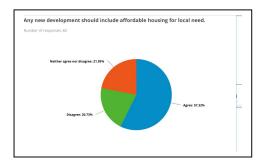
The aim of the day is to encourage the coming together of our community. It is not specifically aimed at raising money for charity. We will also take the opportunity to further engage with parishioners and gather views to contribute towards writing the Neighbourhood Development plan.

THE NEXT STEPS

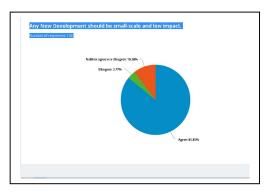
There are several challenges facing us over the coming months.

1). Recruitment. The structure of our committee has changed following the PC election and we now have seven councillors as members. While Parish Councillors are still parishioners we feel that the committee would be more representative if it included more lay members. So, if you have been looking for an opportunity to throw yourself into something useful and interesting for the next few months and are happy to engage with a bunch of fellow residents to help finish this project then please make yourselves known to us.

2). Housing Needs Assessment. The NDP is a plan that deals with land use for housing, businesses and leisure. Cornwall, like most other areas, is experiencing housing pressure and there is an expectation of development throughout the county. In South East Cornwall, outside the main settlements of Saltash and Torpoint, there is a requirement in the Local Plan for 350 new dwellings between 2011 and 2031. No specific target has been set for our parish but doing a pro-rata calculation based on population this would give us a target of 32 houses. 16 have already been approved leaving a further 16 to find. This fits comfortably with our consultation findings that you do not want to see large scale development in the parish.



You also told us that you would like to see development that reflected local need.



So, we need to find out the extent of "local need". Initially we would like to look at the need for affordable housing. We have approached Cornwall Council for help with this but their extensive questionnaire was complicated and unlikely to generate many responses. We have decided to adopt a simpler approach. We are asking all households to complete a simple Yes/No survey to indicate if anyone in the household has affordable housing need (see an attaches) We can then target those with a need to obtain more details about the type of accommodation required. You can respond online at https://surveyhero.com/c/d3e55cd or by phoning 07526293190 if you do not have internet access. Those responding "Yes" should be prepared to let us have a contact address, telephone number or email so we can contact them for more details. It is really important that everyone responds so we can demonstrate that we have contacted the entire parish.

This is your plan. Get involved and have your say. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Big Lunch where we will be available to discuss what we have done and hear your views.